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Koran protest pastor accepts invite to visit

Activists want US clergyman to attend city demonstrations

BY KIRSTEN RAWLINS

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THE controversial American pastor who threatened to burn copies of the Koran has accepted an invitation to come to Milton Keynes to share his views on Islam.

Dr Terry Jones, of Dove World Outreach Center, Florida, has been asked by city activists England is Ours to attend demonstrations and meetings in Milton Keynes and London at the start of February.

He attracted condemnation when he threatened to burn the Koran on the anniversary of 9/11 last year in protest to the construction of a mosque at Ground Zero in New York.

The news of his visit comes amid rows over plans to build a mosque in Bletchley.

Barry Taylor, group secretary of England is Ours, which has just over 30 members, said: "We are delighted that this gentleman is visiting us and sharing his thoughts and ideas.

"We are not suggesting for a moment that we should burn Korans or anything like that.

"But the mosque in Bletchley has caused a big outcry from the public and it's being built because of a minority. We don't feel that we have a say on what happens in the community."

Last month the English Defence League asked Dr Jones to visit its demonstrations in Luton, but the group withdrew its invitation after learning about his extreme views on homosexuality and race.

Mohamed Suleman, a trustee of the MK Muslim Association, which is a founding member of Citizens MK Alliance, said: "There hasn't been tension between muslims and non-muslims in Milton Keynes and this kind of thing is only going to cause more Islamophobia. I'm going to try to get together groups of all different cultures to try and block him from coming. We don't want his toxicity in our great city."

Pastor Terry Jones: Invited to MK by activist group England is Ours

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Paris House restaurant manager Francois Hardy and head chef Phil Fanning with the rest of the team

Time to dine out in Michelin star style

Chef 'elated' as Woburn Estate venue gains top guide award

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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A RESTAURANT is celebrating after becoming the first in the area to receive a prestigious Michelin star.

Staff at Paris House were 'elated' yesterday after discovering the restaurant was just one of five outside London to be newly awarded a star in the 100th edition of the Michelin Guide.

Head chef Phil Fanning said: "It's unbelievable. There's an awful lot of emotions kicking about – there's elation, relief and anxiety for what's round the corner. So many sacrifices and painful decisions were made during the process of getting to this point. It's the culmination of ten months of very hard work."

When asked what went into achieving a Michelin star, he said: "An awful lot of thought and consideration and planning and second guessing and judgement, and making sure the decisions you're making are the right decisions for the end goal. But you can't be doing it for the Michelin star and for the award, you have to do it for the customer and yourself.

"If you try to do everything for the Michelin Guide, you forget about your customers."

The restaurant, located in the Woburn Estate, was acquired in December 2009 by The 10 in 8 Fine Dining Group and then opened two months later under Phil and executive chef and CEO Alan Murchison.

Mr Murchison said: "It's been a nerve-racking morning for us all but I am absolutely thrilled for Phil and the team as this award recognises all the hard work they have put in during the past year."

THIS Renault F1 team car, used in practice for the 2008 Grand Prix, was just one of the modern motoring marvels on display at last week's the-centre:mk Motor Show in Middleton Hall. Another highlight included the showcasing of the new pre-production Lexus CT 200h, which has been named the world's first fully-hybrid luxury compact car.

Road rage witnesses sought

DID you see a road rage incident in Bletchley on Tuesday, January 4? The incident happened around 7.20pm on the A4146, just before the A5D roundabout at Kelly's Kitchen.

The drivers of a silver Saab and silver Ford Galaxy got out of their vehicles and were involved in an altercation at the roadside. Both vehicles were travelling from the direction of the Lakes estate towards the A5D.

Anyone who witnessed the incident should contact DS Glover or DS Mitchell on 0845 8 505 505.

MP fights for the TA

MP Mark Lancaster has been standing up for the city's Territorial Army soldiers during the Government's review of defence law.

A serving TA officer himself, he spoke out in the House of Commons last week during a debate on the Armed Forces Bill.

The MK North MP is seeking to ensure the law honours the service and improves the welfare of reservists, such as those from E Company 7th Battalion The Rifles in Blakelands and 1 Signal Squadron (38 Signal Regiment) in Bletchley.

Mr Lancaster, who served in Afghanistan in 2006, highlighted the role of the reserve armed forces and how TA soldiers lack the support that regular soldiers, sailors or airmen have when returning home as part of a formed unit. He also emphasised the need for greater support of reservists' families.

After the debate Mr Lancaster said: "As the Armed Forces Bill is only renewed every five years, we have a golden opportunity to ensure that better provision is made for many soldiers who risk their lives for their country as volunteers."

Call for people to join Paolo search

BY KIRSTEN RAWLINS
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DOZENS of people have been helping in the hunt for missing man Paolo Sicorello.

Last Sunday more than 60 turned up at the Nags Head pub in Great Linford to search the area.

Now a close friend of the 34-year-old has made an appeal for more people to help.

Phone records show his mobile last transmitted a signal from a mast towards Haversham and the family has began searching in the direction of Olney.

Members of the community, family and friends have also been searching the surrounding areas and distributing posters in the hunt for clues as to his whereabouts.

Darren Brockett, 36, who went to school with Paolo said: "He is happy-go-lucky, popular and cheerful – one of the world's good guys. He would give you the last pound in in pocket.

"His popularity has been reinforced by the number of people turning up at 7am in the morning and not leaving until after midnight.

Missing: Paolo Sicorello

"The family, while distraught at Paolo's disappearance, have been extremely touched by the amount of support.

"I would be very grateful if people could search their sheds or outbuildings, or parts of their gardens they haven't visited because of the cold weather.

"If anyone sees someone of Paolo's description please contact the police."

He added the disappearance is totally out of character for Paolo and urged him to return home.

He sends this message to the missing man: "Paolo – if for any reason you feel that you needed to get away just to gather your thoughts, or to get away from it all, for reasons which family and friends are unaware of – then know no problems are insurmountable. Please just get in touch and let us know that you're safe."

Mr Brockett wished to thank Luton Town Football Club, Asda, Murray's Printers, MK Dons, thecentre:mk and the landlord and lady of the Nags Head.

Paolo left his home in Church Lees, Great Linford, at 8.30pm on Sunday, January 9 and went to the Nag's Head pub.

He left there at about 9pm and went to The Gifford Park pub until about midnight. He has not been seen since.

■ Anyone with information can call police on 0845 8 505 505, or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Council fights landlord law

MILTON Keynes Council (MKC) will be taking on the Government at the High Court tomorrow.

On October 1, new legislation by the coalition Government on Houses in Multiple Occupation (HiMOs) was ratified, meaning landlords no longer need planning permission from their local authority to convert their property to accommodate multiple tenants. That means HiMOs which were unregistered, like the one in Fishermead Boulevard in which three-year-old Fiyin Ejifunmilayo and mother Bola died in a fire, would become legal.

As previously reported by MK NEWS, the council, backed by other local authorities and campaign groups nationwide, launched judicial proceedings against the Government in September to try to put a halt to the legislation.

Tomorrow, a judicial review will take place in front of High Court judges, after which they could annul the legislation.

Cllr Chris Williams, responsible for housing, said: "I'm both excited and slightly apprehensive, but if we are successful this will be a huge step forward in MK Council being able to control the provision of HiMOs in the city."

If the review decides not to annul the legislation, MKC has applied for an Article 4 direction.

This would mean full planning control would again be enforced, but this would only be granted in December. In the meantime landlords could still create HiMOs.

New editor for MK NEWS

A NEW editor has joined MK NEWS.

Cally Jenkins, 31, took over the position on Monday, January 10 after a decade of working for weekly newspapers.

She said: "It is a privilege to get the opportunity to work here and so far it's going very well.

"MK NEWS is a great newspaper and I've got lots of ideas to improve its design and content. There are lots of exciting possibilities and I will be working closely with the great team at MK NEWS to take the paper forward.

"Milton Keynes is a great city that I know well already and I am looking forward to moving to the area very soon."

Before joining MK NEWS, Cally worked at various weekly titles around the country in a variety of roles including reporter, news editor, deputy editor and content editor.

Jonathan Cropley, MK NEWS' general manager, said: "I'm pleased to welcome Cally to MK NEWS and MK Web team and am looking forward to working with her to further develop the paper.

New editor Cally Jenkins pictured outside MK NEWS' offices

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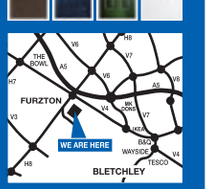

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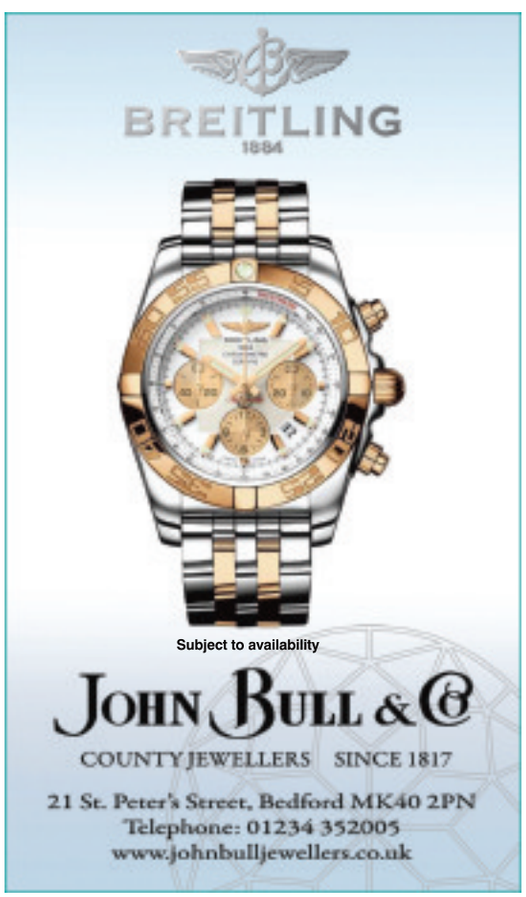

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'No-vote' councillors responsibility dodgers

SIR – The Government's £1.8million grant to pay for the building of the Fenny Lock gipsy/travellers site is not ringfenced.

It is for Milton Keynes Council to decide how best to use the money on housing priorities.

The £1.8million belongs to MK ratepayers, it is not cabinet councillors' money.

Cabinet councillors pretend this is irrelevant, others remain obediently silent until asked to follow their leader.

'Robust' reports promised by Councillor Chris Williams never appear.

Recommendations of a cross-party travellers review group are simply ignored.

Wasting £180,000 for each of ten caravan pitches is ridiculous. Local residents don't want it and it's not urgently needed.

What chance will the city have to receive future government grants if MK's greatest priority for housing is caravan pitches?

The gipsy/travellers want to live a chosen lifestyle without interference – as do local residents. Neither wants to be part of a well-meaning social integration experiment imposed on us by this council.

Elected councillors have a duty to support residents beyond party politics. The Lib Dems are the majority in this council with 100 per cent cabinet membership.

If an outdated policy is obviously very wrong for MK, they should compel their local party leadership to change its entrenched stance. Abstaining from voting is simply dodging their responsibilities as elected councillors.

Residents have no confidence this Lib Dem cabinet is acting in MK's interests anymore.

We are actively seeking change.

Name and address supplied

Give us value for money

SIR – I just love the drive of Stony Stratford (MK NEWS, January 12)

We are the same in Fenny Stratford, fighting for our little market town which is more or less non-exsistent for shoppers.

The Lib Dems could help you with your plight. They have money in the coffers that is there to help the more needy in Milton Keynes, but no, they want to build a travellers' site instead, which is not needed now in Milton Keynes.

They want to spend £1.8million ripping up our wildlife corridor and rooting up approximately 400 trees. This works out at £180,000 per family.

We all want somewhere to live, but these people are already in housing.

A library is needed. Housing for people in bed and breakfasts is needed. Council houses need modernising.

The Lib Dems are a law unto themselves and not for the people who voted for them. They have turned their backs on their voters. It is up to the people of Milton Keynes to show the Lib Dem council cabinet that this is taxpayers' money and it should be spent more wisely in this present climate – this is not value for money.

Gloria Harper
Sent by e-mail

Timely and uncrowded

SIR – Your correspondent 'Name and address supplied' (Letters, MK NEWS, January 6) states: "The buses are overcrowded and infrequent".

Neither my wife nor myself ever learnt to drive, so we have been bus users of necessity for more than 70 years.

Overcrowding, in our experience, is still countable on our fingers, not in the generality that is implied by your correspondent.

Infrequent service. Where? Astwood's two-hourly service on route 1C perhaps.

Does the lady or gentleman require the two-and-a-half minute frequency, which was operated across Ealing Borough on the trolley bus route between Shepherds Bush and Uxbridge? That is, until trolley operation across the entirety of west London ceased in 1961.

If so, he or she should specify the bus routes here in Milton Keynes which should be serviced at such a frequency (preferably in your next issue).

J L Lean
Greenleys

Surgery needs bus service

SIR – Regarding public transport issues.

I recently had the pleasure of visiting the new Whaddon House doctors' surgery in Tweed Drive, Bletchley.

It's a great example of a primary care facility and Milton Keynes PCT should be congratulated, in particular for the low energy footprint of the buildings.

But I was hugely disappointed to discover that there is no bus service to the surgery. I have written to Councillor Vanessa McPake, cabinet member for transport at Milton Keynes Council, the PCT and Arriva Bus company to raise this issue.

As a member of the European Parliament's Transport and Tourism Committee, one of the main targets of our work is to promote a shift to less environmentally damaging transport.

The lack of a bus service means more patients have to use their car and for those that don't have a car it means a long walk, an expensive taxi ride, or even a postponed or cancelled visit to the doctor.

I've asked the council, the PCT and Arriva Bus company to look at ways to fund a new bus stop and provide a bus service to this important local health facility. I hope that a solution can be found so that local people can access this fantastic service by public transport.

Keith Taylor
Green Party MEP, South East England

Deaf to complaints

SIR – As a resident of Walton Park I have noticed that the postal deliveries have deteriorated since Brinklow reorganised and reallocated its postmen in October 2010.

From that point my weekly subscription magazine failed to arrive on time (Wednesday). It started to arrive on Friday and most times on Monday the following week.

I complained to Royal Mail in November, via its website, about the lateness of deliveries and the problems generally at Brinklow and was given the standard reply that anything can be delivered up to 15 days after posting.

It also said it had spoken to the managers at Brinklow and there were no problems. I do not believe it spoke to Brinklow at all.

On Christmas Eve, Parcel Force delivered and I commented to the driver that it was good to see they were working as we hadn't received any mail from Brinklow since it had snowed.

Later that day I went to Brinklow to collect my mail and was given a bundle, but the subscription magazine was not in there even though it had been posted on December 14. The copy posted on December 28 has still not arrived (Friday, January 14).

On Tuesday, January 11 I watched our postman walk up to the door and put through one letter. He then walked away and came back and put through another letter which had the same house number but was for Simpson Road, which is two streets away. What's more, the letter for Simpson Road was first class and had been posted on December 24.

Royal Mail obviously takes no notice of complaints. I am sure that it will only be satisfied when it has lost all its business to courier firms.

Rick Parker
Walton Park

Station Square folly

SIR – Having read your article about Milton Keynes Council about to give the green light to a redevelopment of Station Square, I would strongly urge the council to rethink this waste of public money.

I travel from this station on a daily basis and there is absolutely nothing wrong with the current facilities, they are in fact far superior to most of the destinations that I travel to.

The council has already stated that it needs to find cuts of £26million in its budget and is proposing the reduction of basic services, including the closure of libraries that in some areas are the only source of books and internet for the underprivileged within our society.

I find it totally unacceptable that my taxes are frittered away on hair-brained schemes such as these. Ask most residents if they would prefer the council to spend their taxes on basic services or some statues and landscaping - I think I know what the answer would be.

The only benefactors of this scheme would be the architects and developers.

Ronal Phillips
Sent by e-mail

Getting in estate

SIR – I do not live on Netherfield, but I used to for many years. The worst estate now by a long way is definitely Coffee Hall. Now that is an estate to give a wide berth to – and it is not getting any better. I don't live there either, but my daughter did and she was only too glad to get out.

Peter Walduck
Sent by e-mail

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Narrow escape as car hits shop

BY KIRSTEN RAWLINS
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A SHOP assistant narrowly missed being hit by a car when it ploughed into the front of a store.

The silver Mercedes-Benz smashed through glass doors and ended up wedged near the counter at the Best-One supermarket in St Mary's Avenue, Bletchley, on Friday.

Owner of the store, Jitesh Parmar, 44, of Underwood Place, Oldbrook, said: "It missed my colleague by seconds. He wasn't even supposed to be there that day. It was the first time he'd covered on a Friday – he's said he'll never do a favour for me again!"

The emergency services were called to the scene at around 10am.

Firefighters were intially unable to remove the car as they were uncertain whether the building was stable.

They remained at the scene until building control officers from Milton Keynes Council arrived. It took more than three hours to remove the vehicle.

The Mercedes car 'parked' in Bletchley's Best-One supermarket

Neighbour, Jabeen Zubair, 39, said: "I saw the fire engine outside. Luckily, no-one was injured. That shop can be really busy.

"If it had been a busy period, it could have been fatal – it was right by where you go to pay."

Mr Parmar is now in despair over the state of his shop but promised customers he will reopen as soon as possible.

He added: "We're looking at thousands of pounds of damage, repairs and loss of earnings. I would like to say sorry to all our customers and that we are trying to get things sorted as soon as possible, but it's out of our hands."

Free parking ends in 12 days

FREE city centre parking spaces will be scrapped in just 12 days time.

The controversial decision to replace all 3,872 green spaces with purple, standard charge bays and increase the number of red premium-rate spaces by 981 will come into force on Monday, January 31.

Also, free weekend parking in blocks C1 (the area between Witan gate, Saxon Gate, North Row and Silbury Boulevard) and C4 (between Witan Gate, Saxon Gate, South Row and Avebury Boulevard) will revert to weekday parking charges.

To help motorists adjust, the theatre multi-storey car park, in Marlborough Gate near John Lewis, will be free of charge for six months from January 31 until July 31.

Milton Keynes Council is also eager to remind people a host of concessions will remain, such as the employee concessionary discount for scratch cards being retained at 50 per cent of the standard tariff, equating to £1.20 per day. There will also eventually be 50 free parking bays and charging areas for electric vehicles.

■ For a full list of the parking changes and concessions, visit www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/mkparking.

Underpass robbery

A MAN carrying his toddler through an underpass had his money stolen by a gang of men.

The incident took place in the underpass which leads from Shipton Hill, Bradville, to Arncliffe Drive, Heelands, on Thursday, January 13 between 12.05 and 12.10pm.

The victim saw three men sitting down and as he walked through the underpass one of them approached him and the other two came up behind him. One of them demanded he hand over what was in his pockets. They then walked off towards Heelands.

The first man was black, aged 21 or 22, about 6ft1in and stocky . He had a London accent and was wearing black-blue jeans and a black hooded top with the words ECKO in silver and a grey pattern on the left arm.

The second man was black, 5ft8in to 5ft9in, skinny and aged 19-20. He was wearing a red hooded top with Adidas written in large white writing across the front. The third man was Somali-looking. He was about 5ft11in, aged 18-19 years and was wearing a blue coloured hooded top.

■ Anyone with any information should call DC Rebecca Hacker on 0845 8 505 505 or call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Bail extended for two men in Rachel murder investigation

THE two men arrested on suspicion of murder in connection with the death of Rachel Manning have had their bail extended.

The men, aged 38 and 35 and both from the Bletchley area, were arrested on September 28 in connection with the incident in December 2000 and were bailed until tomorrow.

Their bail has now been extended until the middle of March pending further investigation.

Armed raiders rifle till at Londis store

ARMED robbers have struck at another store in the city.

Three men entered the Londis in Dodkin, Beanhill, at around 8pm on Sunday armed with a knife and what is believed to be a handgun. After threatening the cashier, the men stole cash from the till before running off.

All the offenders were black and had the bottom half of their faces covered.

Police are linking the incident with four similar robberies across the city. Four men remain on police bail in connection with the previous offences.

Thames Valley Police has confirmed it is working with Northamptonshire Police to find out whether another robbery at Bridge Stores in Towcester Road, Old Stratford, is also connected to these incidents.

Anyone with information should contact DS Neil Robinson on 0845 8 505 505, or Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555 111. People can also call into any police station.

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LIBRARIES UNDER THREAT

Stony Stratford's library shelves were left empty after borrowers took out their maximum number of books

Shelf-strippers see protest go global

THE 'Wot No Books' campaign to save Stony Stratford Library has received national and international interest.

As reported in last week's MK NEWS, members of the library were asked to withdraw the maximum number of books allowed on their account, 15, to demonstrate what the library would be like with empty shelves.

It is estimated more than 1,000 people took part, with only reference books left.

Since then, the campaign has received national recognition on BBC Radio 5 and social network site Twitter, and the About My Area website for Stony Stratford received hits from as far away as Australia, Taiwan and South Africa.

A consultation meeting is due to take place at the end of the month with Milton Keynes Council to discuss the library's potential closure.

Community spirit to rescue library

BY KIRSTEN RAWLINS
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A TOWN is hoping the community spirit of its residents will help save its library service.

It was announced last month the library in Hardwick Road, Woburn Sands, will have to close as Milton Keynes Council tries to save around £66million over the next four years.

But last night a public meeting was held to discuss plans to set up a community library, run by volunteers and maintained through fundraising, at The Institute in the town's High Street.

It would be funded by £150,000 the town council received from the developers building 450 homes on the site of the town's former plastics factory.

Woburn Sands town councillor, David Hopkins, said: "We are in a good position, as we have the money and the facilities and the community spirit to make a community library work.

Woburn Sands town councillor, David Hopkins

"My commitment as a councillor is to ensure we have a library service. Rather a community library than nothing at all."

However, resident and library user, Jonanthan King, 44, of Wood Street, is calling for more to be done to save the current library.

He said: "I grew up in this village and started coming to the library when I was four years old.

"I now have a four-year-old son and whenever he comes to see me the first thing he wants to do is go to the library.

"This library is more than just a place to get books, it is a vital part of our community.

"Myself and my friend have been putting out posters and forming a petition in an attempt to save it.

"I can't see how a volunteer-run library would be adequate compared to the library we have now. In theory, it's a nice idea but in reality these things rarely work."

Town councils praised in Parliament

EFFORTS to save two of the city's threatened libraries have been praised in Parliament.

Speaking during a debate in the House of Commons on the Localism Bill, Iain Stewart, MP for Milton Keynes South, challenged the Shadow Communities Secretary, Caroline Flint MP, who appeared to allege the bill would do nothing to save libraries or other local services that may be under threat.

Mr Stewart said: "In two parts of my constituency, Stony Stratford and Woburn Sands, the libraries are under threat [from MK Council] and the two town councils are putting forward exciting plans to take over the ownership and running of those vital local services.

"That is the kind of imaginative locally based solution that we need to protect the fabric and integrity of our local areas."

In Mr Stewart's informal discussions with Stony Stratford Town Council, it confirmed it was looking at taking over the running of the library service, should the current one be scrapped in February.

The MP, who supports the Localism Bill, argued in the House that the city would, for the first time, have truly liberating powers to shape its own future as a result of the bill.

He added: "I particularly welcome the bill's provisions for genuine community engagement in the shaping and the nature of new housing areas the density of housing, how many parking spaces are needed, the green spaces and what shops and services are required."

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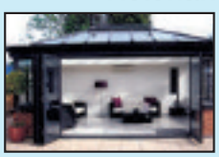

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City schools fail to reach average

Denbigh tops list in GCSE pass tables

SCHOOLS in Milton Keynes performed below the national average last year.

According to Government secondary school league tables, released last Wednesday, the average number of Milton Keynes pupils achieving five A* to C grades in their GCSEs in 2010 was 51.5 per cent – the national average was 53.4 per cent. However, ten of the city's schools have improved since 2009.

The school in the area with the highest percentage of students achieving five A* to C grades, including English and maths, was Denbigh School with 70 per cent.

Head teacher Sarah Parker said: "I'm very proud the students got the highest percentage, including English and maths, this year and I think that's a real reflection of the hard work and the commitment of students and the dedication of staff.

"It's knowing what your strengths are and knowing the areas you have to improve, having a real focus on this and improving the standard of teaching and learning."

The school with the lowest percentage was Milton Keynes Academy, with 19 per cent.

Head teacher Lorna Caldicott said: "For the school the five A* to C grades listing, including English and maths, is the most important, but we also make a judgment on children leaving with any qualifications, which is 100 per cent.

"Also, children leaving with five A* to C grades in any subject was 86 per cent.

"The number one priority is improving English and maths because that's key to the pupils' future.

"We have got a very successful sixth form and we'll be oversubscribed this year because parents really recognise and appreciate where the academy is going and the way it's organised. Last year there were 11 students in year 13 and all of them went to university."

■ For the full league table and more on the schools in the area, visit www.mk-news.co.uk today.

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Brinklow boss is sorry for delays

Royal Mail manager puts the blame on modernisation and heavy snow for delivery disruption

THE man responsible for the collection and delivery of mail in the city has apologised for the recent problems.

A large number of residents have recently contacted MK NEWS about their mail misery, including late and missing post and letters being delivered to wrong addresses, which has led to problems like missed hospital appointments.

In an interview with MK NEWS, Steve Smart, Royal Mail delivery sector manager for Milton Keynes, said he was sorry for the problems experienced by readers, but expected operations to be back to normal this week.

He said: "I think the first thing is an apology needs to go out to them.

"We do apologise that there's been disruption and it has caused some people some stress.

"We are undertaking a major transformation in Royal Mail, a nationally-agreed process, and Milton Keynes is one of the pilot areas for this.

> I think the first thing is an apology needs to go out
>
> **– Steve Smart, Royal Mail delivery sector manager for MK**

"We need to safeguard our business and the one-price-goes-anywhere service and deliver a world-class service."

Mr Smart also said, combined with the recent modernisation, the heavy snow in December had a big affect on deliveries.

He added: "It's no excuse, but it did happen through the Christmas period that we had the worst weather for 30 years.

"One of those days we were hammered, and then Milton Keynes was at a standstill for the next three days. We didn't expect to have several days of severe weather, which had a massive impact down in Brinklow.

"It affected our people and we had to make reasonable deliveries where we could.

"They are concentrating now on getting back on track and I'm confident that the people of Milton Keynes will get back to their regular service as of this week.

"We have introduced 26 starters and had a full operation on Sunday delivering packets. We have a recovery plan that stablised the operations and we will have clear decks as of this week.

"We've put together a big contingency model now."

He also dismissed rumours that large stacks of mail were piling up at Brinklow delivery office, saying: "If we had stacks of mail there, under health and safety we would have been shut down, and we're not.

"We have a large amount of mail that comes through the operation here that gets returned to our key customers. That's getting back to normal."

Mr Smart confirmed MPs Iain Stewart and Mark Lancaster would be visiting the site on Monday.

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Sports pavilion gets a new lease of life

A £200,000 improvement project is under way at Woughton on the Green sports pavilion and playing fields.

Milton Keynes Council took over the running of the site following a legal wrangle with the former trustees of the previous tenant, the now-defunct Milton Keynes Sports Club, over a claimed £120,000 debt, which was settled out of court.

Improvements include refurbishment of the bar and, potentially, replacing the artificial pitch.

A council spokesman said: "Since we took over running the pavilion in October we have been carrying out many improvements to the facilities and management structure for the benefit of all the users at Woughton.

"This has involved improvements to the bar and pavilion, which were left in a rather neglected condition, and such works are vital to ensure the future sustainability and viability of this important leisure facility.

"We are also looking at replacing the all-weather pitch, which is coming to the end of its natural 10-year life span."

He also moved to dismiss any concerns that taxpayers would be footing the bill for the refurb, saying: "These improvements will be funded from a repair and maintenance reserve that has been accumulated from the users of the pavilion's fees paid to the council, not from taxpayers' money.

Hospital's stroke aftercare above average

THE standard of treatment offered to stroke patients in Milton Keynes after they leave hospital is above average.

Milton Keynes Primary Care Trust (PCT) scored an overall 3.07 points out of five. This point system, according to the Care Quality Commission's (CQC) report, puts MK in the category of 'better'.

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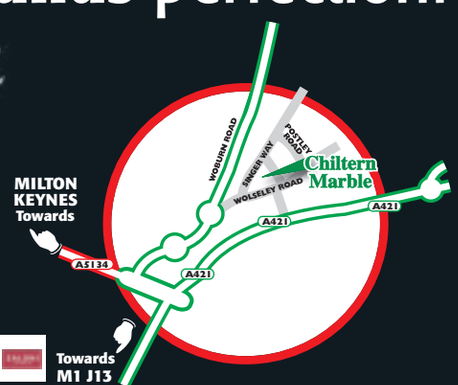

Roads boss eyes gritting schedule

Out-of-date priority list to be reviewed as staff continue to repair 200 potholes every week

Grid roads are the first to be gritted when snow falls

THE city's transport chief has vowed to look into how and when roads and footpaths are gritted during bad weather.

Milton Keynes Council has also insisted it is working hard to sort out the area's pothole problems.

Councillor Vanessa McPake, who is in charge of transport, has started looking at which roads are given priority for gritters following the heavy snow last month.

She said: "The schedule was devised some years ago and it needs to be reviewed because it currently concentrates on the grid roads.

"Should we consider some of the main roads that aren't grid roads in the 'priority one' schedule, like in Bletchley?

"In addition, we'll need to look at the potential provision of more grit bins, however they are expensive and we need to look at whether that's the best way of gritting pavements.

"We also need to look at communicating with residents, especially those who don't have access to the internet.

"The website has done extraordinarily well. Although I was on the radio most days they were only short snippets, so we need to look at how we communicate the roads information."

Meanwhile, the council is reassuring residents that potholes are being filled in after more appeared following the recent cold snap.

The authority has £1,442,000 set aside for its potholes project, which began in April last year and says the average number of repairs per month is 618. There have been almost 6,000 filled in since the project began, including 621 in December.

A council spokesman said: "We are currently averaging 200 potholes (or similar faults) per week and have sufficient budget to continue this up to year end.

"We are hoping to start larger patching (pothole areas rather than single holes) when we get into March and the weather improves. The recent bad weather has accelerated the deterioration of some areas but we do not appear to be having the same high number of potholes appearing as last year."

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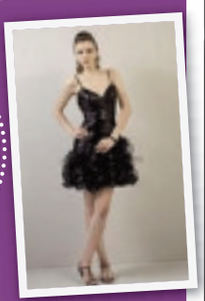

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MOTORISTS spent hours queueing on a main road in the city after an articulated lorry tipped over.

The 51-year-old driver of the 41-tonne Tesco lorry was trapped in the cab before being freed by fire-fighters and taken to MK Hospital with a broken shoulder or arm. He was later released.

The incident took place on Sunday at around 12.45pm in Bletcham Way (H10), Walnut Tree, when the vehicle tipped over, spilling wine and toiletries onto the road, which was closed eastbound for several hours.

Have your say on cuts to healthcare

SPENDING on healthcare in Milton Keynes will have to be cut by £22.6million in the next financial year.

NHS Milton Keynes says the cuts are necessary as it will be spending £104million more than its income in four years time.

The Government has pledged the NHS will receive increases to its funding in line with inflation but this will not cover the demands that arise from a growing, ageing, longer-living population and the introduction of new technologies.

Savings of £13.5million will come from changes to mental health, maternity and children's services, plus cuts to urgent care services.

But now NHS Milton Keynes is asking for your views on the proposals.

The suggestions are included in Shaping the Future of Milton Keynes Healthcare, which can be read by visiting www.miltonkeynes.nhs.uk.

Dr Nicholas Hicks, NHS Milton Keynes chief executive, said: "Our priority is to improve health, reduce inequalities and provide access to high quality, safe services. Only by working together will we succeed in reshaping the way services are delivered, reducing waste and inefficiencies."

Residents can comment on the existing savings proposals, or make suggestions for how the remaining £9.1million can be saved. To have your say, visit www.miltonkeynes.nhs.uk/discussion2011.htm, e-mail tellus@miltonkeynes.nhs.uk, or attend the public meeting at NHS Milton Keynes, Sherwood Drive, Bletchley, today from 6-7.30pm.

There will also be a meeting at Olney Town Council, Olney Centre, High Street, on Monday, February 7 at 7.30pm and others next month.

An artist's impression of what the new forest holiday village in Warren Wood will look like

Jobs boost hope as holiday village given the go-ahead

A MULTI-MILLION pound holiday village being built by Center Parcs in Woburn could create around 1,200 jobs.

Following nearly five years of wrangling, which involved the then Secretary of State, Hazel Blears, the development on greenbelt land at Warren Wood was granted planning permission last month and is expected to be opened in summer 2013.

Milton Keynes councillor Jenni Ferrans, who is responsible for economic development, said the scheme is extremely good news for the local economy.

She said: "If they are interested in talking to us about employment we are open to that and we'd expect some of the jobs to end up with Milton Keynes people."

Detailed designs of the buildings and landscape, as well as local sourcing, employment strategies and a green travel plan, have already been approved.

The £160million family activity village will have 700 lodges, villas and apartments, eight shops and 14 restaurants and cafes.

The next stage of the project will be the construction of a new roundabout at Millbrook, as well as the diversion of the public rights of way crossing the site.

Martin Dalby, Center Parcs' chief executive, said: "We will now focus our attention on creating a new roundabout at Millbrook to allow a safer flow of traffic in the area. Once the roundabout has been completed, and public rights of way have been diverted, we will be able start construction on site."

The development will be Center Parcs' fifth forest holiday village in the UK.

Community service for fly-tipper

A CALVERTON man found guilty of fly-tipping has been ordered to do 80 hours of community service and pay costs.

Christopher Robert Gaskin, 24, of Calverton Caravan Site, admitted illegally dumping waste.

Aylesbury Magistrates' Court heard that in June last year, Gaskin removed a load of waste from a home in Leighton Buzzard and dumped it in Mursley.

When interviewed by investigating officers from the Waste Partnership for Buckinghamshire, he admitted carrying the waste away, but denied dumping it.

But he had been traced through evidence found in the waste and pleaded guilty in court.

The case was prosecuted by Bucks County Council on behalf of the Waste Partnership, whose chairman, Bill Lidgate, said: "This is another clear indication that we won't tolerate fly-tipping in this county. We'll continue to track down perpetrators and bring them to justice for blighting our environment, so let this be a warning that there's a very good chance they won't get away with it."

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Glyn Davies, his son Gary and granddaughter Megan have all worked for the South Central Ambulance Service, which covers the city.

Even Gary's father-in-law, Andy Aitken, who died in 1999, worked for the service for 17 years.

Glyn, 84, who was in the service for 35 years before retiring in 1990, said: "Only one incident in my career really worried me. I'd gone home for lunch, parked the ambulance outside my bungalow and gone inside to put the kettle on. Glancing through the window, I noticed the vehicle was gone. I dashed outside to find it had come to rest against the kerb across the road. I always checked the handbrake was properly applied after that."

Gary, 55, an ambulance technician, has worked for the service for 36 years.

He said: "During the potato shortage I was driving an eight-seater patient transport bus picking up patients in the Bletchley area and taking them to hospital appointments in Oxford. I told them I could get them half a hundred weight of spuds for a fiver.

Local ambulance service workers Glyn Davies, his son Gary and granddaughter Megan, holding a photo of Megan's grandfather, Andy Aitken who also worked in the ambulance service for 17 years

We stopped at a farm on the way back and left the farmer with a broad grin on his face with nine-and-a-half hundred weight sacks of potatoes and myself together with eight very happy patients in the vehicle."

Gary's daughter, Megan, 22, is loving working for the service three days a week since joining last year. She said: "Training involved first aid, the recovery position, resuscitation using a defibrillator, learning about the trust's commitment to equality and diversity and getting to grips with a huge amount of paperwork. I love the job and am building lasting friendships with regular patients."

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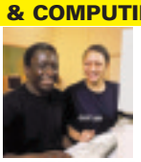

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General manager Anna Denny said a lot of what the orchestra does is thanks to National Lottery funding.

She said: "Without the support that the orchestra has received from the Lottery we simply wouldn't be able to deliver any of the things that we do.

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Children's centres open wide for dental sessions

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Drop-in sessions at children's centres aim to help families to develop good oral health for their children at an early age

FREE dental drop-in sessions at children's centres are being held across the city.

The sessions offer a free check-up for children who do not currently have an NHS dentist.

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After their check-up, children are given a toothbrush pack and advice on how to maintain good oral health.

Parents who have attended drop-in sessions are provided with up-to-date details of dentists who are able to take on new NHS patients to encourage them to maintain good oral health practices.

Mel Foxall, from Milton Keynes community health services, said: "Our dental drop-in sessions at children's centres are a great way of helping families to develop good oral health for their children at an early age. I look forward to welcoming local parents and their children at our sessions."

The next session will be held at The Art Room, Drayton Park School, Bletchley, on January 26 from 1-4pm.

Future drop-in sessions will be held at the following centres:

- Windmill Children's Centre, Sure Start, Bounty Street, New Bradwell, on February 9 from 1-4pm;
- Conniburrow Children's Centre, Germander Park School, on February 16 from 1-4pm;
- The Rowans Children's Centre, Action for Children, Fullers Slade, on March 16 from 9am-12.30pm;
- Daisy Chain Sure Start Children's Centre, Abbeys Primary School, West Bletchley, on March 21 from 1-4pm;
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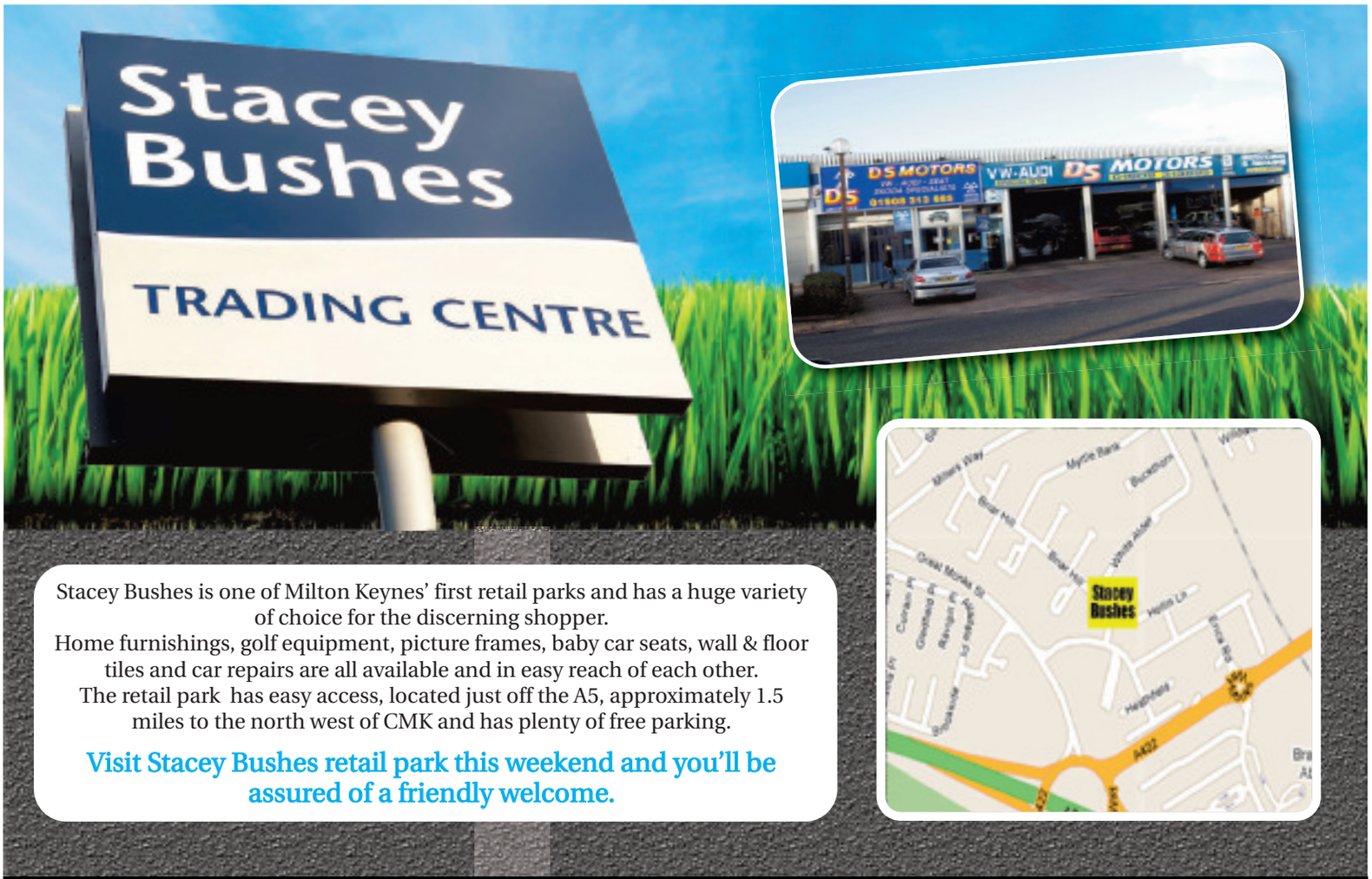

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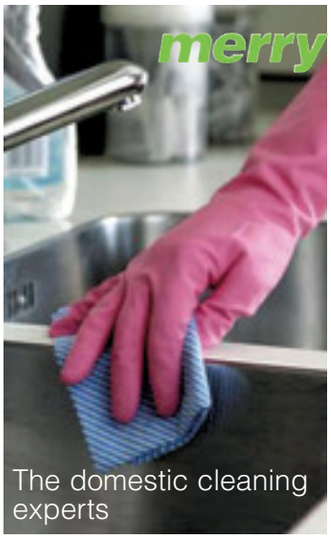

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Green Doctor is a free service offering home visits to help residents use energy more efficiently. With a few changes, savings of up to £160 can be made, and free energy-saving products are also available.

Kim Norris, community development officer at BPHA said: "We are delighted to be working with GTV on Green Doctor.

"It is the ideal opportunity for our tenants not only to reduce the cost of running their homes but also to learn how they can help the environment by reducing their energy consumption.

"Often only small changes such as turning off appliances at the plug can make a real difference, particularly for those residents who may be struggling to afford to heat their homes to a comfortable temperature."

The Green Doctor will also provide each home with a 'prescription' and energy report, along with any further information as requested.

Tim Knight, director of development and innovation at GTV, said: "Having delivered successful Green Doctor schemes in other areas, we are thrilled to champion this in Milton Keynes. We feel this activity ties in with the Government's Big Society agenda, enabling people to feel empowered to take the initiative to make a difference in their own community. We look forward to similar partnerships in other areas."

The Green Doctor service will be available until February and is free to BPHA tenants who have transferred from Hastoe Housing Association. It may also be rolled out on a wider scale in the future.

■ If you would like more information, contact Kim Norris on 01234 221219, or e-mail kim.norris@bpha.org.uk.

A visit from the Green Doctor could cut your home fuel bills

Patsy and Paul Wheeler, from Buckingham Group, with children from the Ride High charity at their panto party

Ride High kids party on

MORE than 40 children enjoyed a panto party and met the stars of Dick Whittington on Saturday.

After entering a competition run by MK NEWS last month, youngsters from Milton Keynes charity Ride High, which helps disadvantaged children by teaching them to ride and care for horses, received VIP treatment at the party. They also watched the show and met stars Stavros Flatley.

Young people from Northampton-based John Greenwood Shipham Centre, a short break unit for people aged eight to 18 with a wide range of disabilities or challenging behaviour, also enjoyed the party, sponsored by the Buckingham Group.

Meanwhile, the cast of the panto left the city on a high on Sunday following their last performance as they tried their hand at navigating the skies in Airkix at Xscape.

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There are no quick fixes for Haitian quake victims

A year on from the Haiti earthquake disaster, aid workers and charities have been heavily criticised for the lack of progress that has been made to rebuild the country. MK NEWS reporter KIRSTEN RAWLINS spoke to the city's branch of World Vision to find out how Haiti is coping

Madara Hettiarachchi

A rescue worker searches among the ruins in Port-au-Prince

HAITI is slowly recovering from the earthquake that killed more than 250,000 people and devastated much of the country.

Pictures of rubble-covered streets and homeless victims filled TV screens across the world after the quake destroyed more than 190,000 homes on January 12 last year, leaving 1.3 million people in and around the capital, Port-au-Prince, homeless.

Within a week Madara Hettiarachchi, Milton Keynes World Vision senior emergency officer, was deployed for three months to help the people whose lives had been destroyed in the disaster.

She said: "It was amazing to see the destruction – from our drive from the airport to our office it was just rubble. People were just walking around dazed.

"One of my colleagues lost her daughter in the disaster but still she carried on helping. That was the amazing thing about the Haitians - none of them just sat around waiting for help."

Madara, 32, who has been with the city's branch for four years, hit back at people who have recently criticised the pace at which the country is recovering.

She added: "It is difficult to hear. There was this woman I knew over there called Jean. She had four children of her own, but took on another three who had lost their parents – despite the fact she was living in a camp.

"She is now living in temporary housing and earning money working in one of our schemes.

"We have been able to get kids into schools, reunite children with their families and rehome people.

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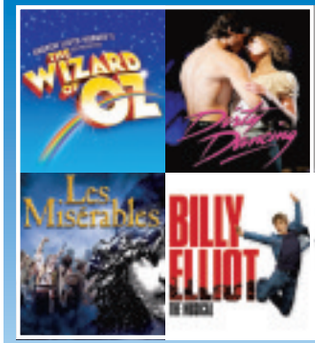

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Bedford Modern School physics teacher Steve Harvey with students Callum Mackay, Josh Maxey and Ian Orton

Top physics student wins gold

A STUDENT from Great Linford has recently been named as one of the top 50 physics A-Level students in the country.

Eighteen-year-old Ian Orton, who studies at Bedford Modern School, took part in the recent Institute of Physics Olympiad, an annual exam-based competition entered by more than 1,000 students every year.

Ian, who is going on to study computer science at university, won a gold medal after emerging as one of the top 50 entrants.

He said: "I wasn't expecting to get a gold, it was quite a pleasant surprise. I haven't been working hard towards this outside of lessons and I know some schools do a lot of preparation."

The questions are set by university staff and professors and differ from A-Levels as the answers are more open.

Steve Harvey, physics teacher at Bedford Modern School, said: "They just pass them the questions and let them get on with it, with questions like 'analyse what would make the most exciting rollercoaster ride'.

"The normal syllabus wouldn't challenge some of the more able students as much as it ought to and with problems set by university staff it's much more open and makes them think more than normal exams.

"They have to have an interest in how the world works across the whole spectrum of physics and think outside the box.

"As a gold medal winner, Ian now moves onto the next stage where he challenges for a place in the UK Physics Team and we wish him luck in this."

Josh Maxey, 18, also from the city and Bedford Modern School, was awarded a bronze medal, along with fellow student Callum Mackay, 17.

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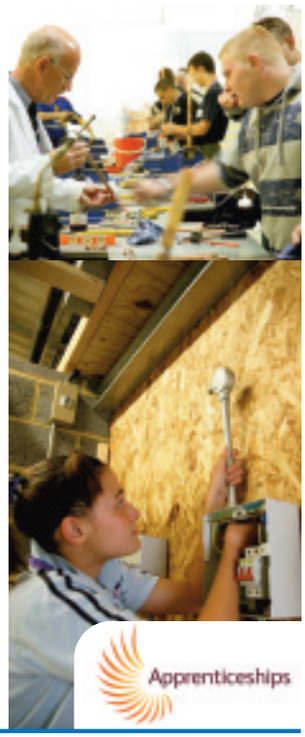

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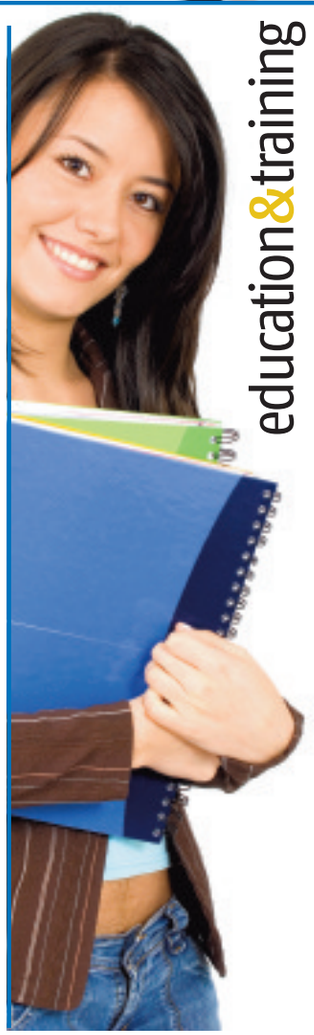

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This year the theatre will be bringing a number of events to you including Circus Skills and Audition techniques workshops, Backstage Tours and a Succesful Youth Theatre for young people aged 6 -18 years. If you are an aspiring young ballet dancer the new ballet workshops may be for you. Ballet is a brilliant way for children to increase their fitness, posture, strength, rhythm, confidence and most importantly have fun and make new friends. Milton Keynes Theatre are booking for Ballet classes now. Saturday 10am-11am Primary Ballet: Ages 4-7.

For those of you over the age of 16 who may have made a New Years resolution to get creative in 2011, take a look at the Scriptwriting class. Have you ever dreamed about writing for the stage? Maybe you have some ideas but you're not sure how to turn them into a script? The group, led by writer Sally Luff meet once a week to explore ideas and writing techniques in a friendly, supportive environment. Thursdays 7pm-9pm.
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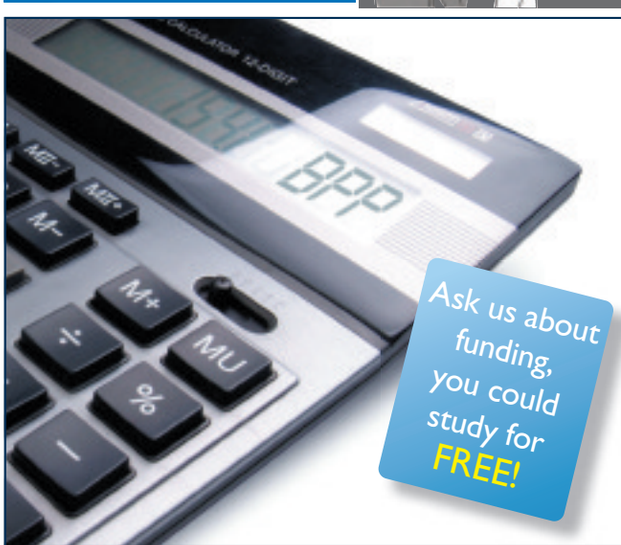

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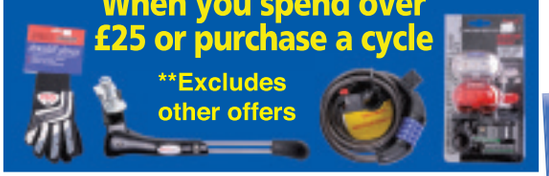

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WHEN Britney Spears returned with new material in recent years, the results were, well, if not brilliant, then at least they were interesting.

This song however, is one great big homage-o-meter to other songs.

The melody of the chorus reminded me of Cutting Crew's (I Just) Died In Your Arms, and believe me when I say that I'm not happy that 25 years of hard work trying to forget that song existed has just been undone.

The squelchy noises during the verses evoked memories of Mr Oizo's Flat Beat, which isn't too bad I suppose, and then there's the 90s-retro trance bit towards the end which hints towards songs like Darude's Sandstorm or York's On The Beach.

Even one of the lines in the chorus reminds me a bit of the Bellamy Brothers' song title If I Said You Had A Beautiful Body Would You Hold It Against Me, of all things.

Are these deliberate rip-offs? No, of course they're not, it's just my head making connections that probably aren't there again.

The trouble with this song though, is that playing Name That Tune is more interesting than the song itself.

That's not to say that the song isn't any good, it's actually okay. The problem is that that is all it is – just okay.

The first single from a new album is usually the biggest gun in the arsenal, so if this is the best she has to offer this time round, things don't look too promising.

DO IT LIKE A DUDE

Jessie J

MAYBE I'm old-fashioned (he says, sipping from a mug of Horlicks), but if the world and his wife are going on about what an amazing singer Jessie J is, wouldn't it be a good idea to release a single that proves it?

This certainly doesn't.

Yes, it's got plenty of 'did-you-spill-my-pint' and 'let's-settle-this-outside' about it, but she growls and snarls her way through the song.

She growls and snarls very well, don't get me wrong, but as for her vocal range, your guess is as good as mine.

As for the song itself, it's hard, it's urgent, but it's nothing much to write home about, and her vocal delivery on this single actually got right on my nerves even before I finished listening to it for the first time.

It fits perfectly with the tune, but, nah. Not for me, I'm afraid.

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THE SYD LAWRENCE ORCHESTRA: ON THE BEAT

Friday, January 21. 8pm

THE Syd Lawrence Orchestra are on top form once again with their new show On The Beat – it's bold, zippy and exuberant and never fails to entertain. On The Beat lovingly recreates the unabashed, unquestioning romance that music lovers had with big bands in the mid-20th century.
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MADISON VIOLETS

Friday, January 21. 8.45pm

IF Gillian Welch, Steve Earle and Alison Krauss had a collective love-child, their offspring might sound like Madison Violet. They have a sound that's all their own, described as both city-folk and tumbleweed pop. Their new album No Fool For Trying has taken them down a road lush with harmonies, banjo, fiddle, mandolin and upright bass. While the songs often invoke feelings of heartache and loss, there's also an undeniably uplifting twang in their sound.
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REAL DIAMOND: THE JAZZ SINGER TOUR

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JOHN Hylton is Europe's foremost Neil Diamond tribute performer. In 1980, Neil Diamond starred alongside Sir Laurence Olivier in the film The Jazz Singer. Neil wrote the musical score for the film and then released what became one of his most successful albums. Join John and his band as they celebrate the music of The Jazz Singer and a selection of Neil's other great hits.
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THE FORTUNES

Sunday, January 23, 8pm

Following in the wake of Merseybeat and the Rolling Stones, The Fortunes added another dimension to the mid-60s pop soundscape with their sophisticated orchestration, dual lead vocals and stylish counter-melodies. The result was a series of distinctive, distinguished hit records including Here It Comes Again, You've Got Your Troubles, Storm In A Teacup and Caroline, which was used as the signature tune of the pirate radio station of the same name.
Tickets £16

Punt and Dennis

PUNT & DENNIS: THEY SHOULD GET OUT MORE

Monday, January 24. 8pm

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CHESS

January 25-29

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Written by Tim Rice and ABBA's Bjorn Ulvaeus and Benny Andersson, Chess has one of the greatest musical theatre scores of all time, including One Night In Bangkok, Pity The Child, Anthem, You And I and I Know Him So Well, which became a number one hit for Elaine Paige and Barbara Dickson.

Craig Revel Horwood has previously won huge critical acclaim for his thrilling productions of Boublil and Schonberg's Martin Guerre, Spend Spend Spend, Hot Mikado and Andrew Lloyd Webber's Sunset Boulevard which transferred to the West End. His regular collaborator, musical supervisor and orchestrator Sarah Travis won the Tony Award for her work on the Broadway revival of Sweeney Todd.

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THE CIRCUS OF HORRORS

Thursday, 7.30pm

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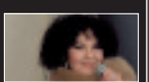

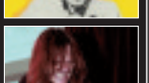

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To date, they have recorded and produced all their own tracks, at both Mitchener's Broadfields studio and Sears' home studio The Ambassador's Suite, including their debut release Rock Is Cursed EP.

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The workshop continues on Saturday, March 19 and Sunday, March 20 when leaders Sheila Wynter and Helen Lomberg will demonstrate and guide you through a range of weaving projects suitable for your level of experience.

The hedgerow materials you have collected can also be combined with farmed willow creating baskets and structures for both indoor and outdoor use that vary in scale and form.

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TASTE LIFE

TALBOT INN

London Road, Loughton
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Review by Adam Grinsell

MY mum became one of those funny, unfortunate injury statistics at Christmas you sometimes see, like 'fell over his dog and banged his head on a hot iron'.

A sharper piece of flying turkey debris, flung from my dad's clumsy knife, hit her in the eye, meaning a five hour visit to A&E.

Sadly, my carvery masterclass at the Talbot Inn didn't come soon enough.

New head chef Andy taught me to remove the wish bone before carving, and to cut sideways into the breast, toward the crown.

I also learnt to cut a nice slice of beef and gammon, though the pork belly was a little out of my league.

You will find Andy there with a different selection of meats every day for the new, not-so-traditional-but-classic carvery.

To accompany my tender beef and even more tender stuffed pork, I opted for swede in a curry sauce, red cabbage and cabbage with a hint of chilli, pesto-mashed potato and the usual roast potatoes and Yorkshire pudding, covered in lashings of French mustard gravy.

All were great complements, and had I not already overloaded my plate I would have been going for seconds.

The farm assured, contemporary, but classic carvery is part of the pub's recent overhall, having reopened in December following a complete makeover.

Gone is the pool table.

Talbot Inn, Loughton: Not-so-traditional-but-classic carvery

The new decor, along with an extensive and well-considered menu, makes you feel as though you are treating yourself to a fine dining experience, at the same time as maintaining that relaxed pub atmosphere, with reasonable prices to match.

Our carveries were £6.99 (£8.45 on Sunday) and my warming, scrumptious starter, of 'Brown's of Kirkconnel' black pudding and bacon fritter on caramelised red onions, was £4.25.

My guest's homemade soup of the day, which was spicy Thai chicken (great to warm up on a cold night), was the same price.

Her creamy, smooth vanilla seed and raspberry panna cotta, with fresh-from-the-oven home-made chocolate chip cookies was also a cheap £3.99.

Alas, I had no room for dessert.

Already a hit with the regulars, I highly recommend a vist.

I'll certainly be going back for seconds, if not for the weekly pub quiz every Wednesday night.

Carveries are served from noon to 3pm and 5-9pm Monday to Friday, noon to 9pm on Saturday and noon to 8pm on Sunday. The main menu is available from noon to 10pm Monday to Friday.

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MKLIFE | FILMS

MORNING GLORY
Rachel McAdams, Harrison Ford, Diane Keaton
From Friday
YOUNG producer Becky is asked to revive a flagging breakfast TV show. She brings in legendary, but cranky, presenter Mike to work with diva-esque anchorman Colleen. But they begin bickering on air and her love affair has started to go off the boil. Can Becky keep it together to save Daybreak and rescue her love life?

THE DILEMMA
Vince Vaughn, Kevin James, Jennifer Connelly
From Friday
SINCE college, bachelor Ronny and happily married Nick have been through thick and thin. Now they're trying to get their auto design firm off the ground. With Ronny's girlfriend, Beth, and Nick's wife, Geneva, by their sides, the pair are unbeatable until Ronny spies Nick's wife with another man. He's faced with a terrible dilemma: tell Nick or keep it to himself. Either way, he loses.

BLACK SWAN
Natalie Portman, Vincent Cassel, Mila Kunis
From Friday
WITH an obsessive former ballerina for a mother, Nina is commited to her own dancing. But when artistic director Leroy wants a new prima ballerina for Swan Lake, Nina finds herself competing with fellow dancer Lily for Leroy's attentions.

NEDS
Conor McCarron, Martin Bell, Linda Cuthbert
From Friday
JOHN McGill starts secondary school. He's bright and gifted, but his father is a violent drunk and his elder brother is a notorious gang leader. With his teachers unwilling to give him a chance before he's even started, he fights back and falls in with the NEDs – violent gangs who roam the rough Glasgow streets.

CONVICTION
Sam Rockwell, Hilary Swank, Minnie Driver
Now showing
IN 1983, trouble-maker Kenny Waters was convicted of murdering Katharina Brow – a crime he insists he didn't commit. Even though sister Betty has no qualifications, she vows to clear his name, putting herself through law school.

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Seth Rogen, Jay Chou, Christoph Waltz, Cameron Diaz
Now showing
BRITT Reid, the son of a newspaper publisher, spends his nights partying and his days sleeping it off. That is until his father is killed, and he meets a company employee called Kato, who lets him in on some of his father's secrets. Using a staggering cache of weaponry and the coolest of cars, Reid and Kato don masks and become crime-fighters.

The morning national news programme, Daybreak, has a new producer, Becky Fuller (Rachel McAdams) who must referee the show's two bickering hosts, Colleen Peck (Diane Keaton) and Mike Pomeroy (Harrison Ford)

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SIAN Magill, The White Horse, Stony Stratford. A Horse-Drawn Thursdays Event. Young singer song-writer.

FRIDAY
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SATURDAY
HELLZABOPPIN, White Horse, Stony Stratford. The great sounds of Louis Jordan, Cab Calloway and Louis Prima splashed with rocking blues a la Roy Brown and Wynonie Harris.

SUNDAY
LIN'S Bar, Woughton Leisure Centre. Lunchtime music with 90% Proof. 1-4pm. Free entry, families welcome.

WAGGY Walk, Ouse Valley Park. Ideal for socialising young and old dogs. Meet in the Wolverton Mill car park, Stratford Road. 10-11.30am. £1 per dog.

WEDNESDAY
PUSHCHAIRS in the Park, Howe Park Wood. Outdoor adventures whatever the weather. Pushchairs optional, wellies essential. Park in the car park, H7, Chaffron Way. 10-11.30am. Free.

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Mark Sawtell and Keith Goodyer: Joint partners at Ark MK, one of the firms which have set up business at MK:TWO

Switched-on centre

THE future of British television and film could be in Bletchley.

Business centre MK:TWO is already home to a number of companies producing corporate videos and programmes for satellite TV, including The Psychic Channel.

The centre is now planning to expand the number of business units available for media firms looking for a well-equipped base to produce new TV content.

Joe Muscat, chief executive of Bucks-Biz, the company behind MK:TWO, said: "We already have several units on the site converted into TV studios, making it easy for media companies to move in and start making programmes almost straight away.

"We can also adapt other units to meet individual requirements and all businesses have access to high-speed broadband as well as other essential IT services."

Mr Muscat also said he hoped to develop MK:TWO into a centre of excellence for the creative industries, with filmmakers working alongside music producers and other media specialists.

He added: "Because of high prices in London, smaller media firms are being forced to look outside the capital for a production base and we believe Milton Keynes provides the ideal location."

Mark Sawtell is a director of Ark MK, one of the businesses based at MK:TWO producing videos, channels for Sky and third-party programming.

He believes the expansion of the centre would be good for his business, saying: "Having new companies here will be good for us as we'll probably be able to ride off the back of it.

"At MK:TWO you can expand or reduce at any point and it all makes a heap of difference in a tough market."

Further information about renting studios or office space is available from Bucks-Biz on 01908 821000.

New man at Solution Factors: Barnaby Pickering

New account director

A PR and marketing agency has kicked off the new year by expanding and appointing a new account director.

Solution Factors, in Woburn Sands, has recruited Barnaby Pickering who has 22 years of marketing experience in a broad range of organisations including electronics, construction and manufacturing industries, charities and FTSE 100 companies.

Director Rachael Bonfield said: "We are delighted to welcome Barnaby to the team as there has been an influx of local and international contracts over the past 12 months."

Mr Pickering said: "This was a natural move for me. Solution Factors is a fast-moving and constantly expanding organisation which works within highly complex industries and I am keen to apply knowledge and experience from my background."

thecentre:mk wins gold at top awards

THECENTRE:MK has picked up a prestigious award from a national council.

At the recent British Council of Shopping Centres (BCSC) Awards, it beat off stiff competition to win a Gold Award for Best Established Centre.

The Gold Awards are leading accolades within the shopping centre and retail destination industry, designed to reward excellence in retail-led development and recognise projects that drive regeneration.

Through its winning submission, thecentre:mk was able to demonstrate an outstanding contribution to the industry by continuing to address the attractiveness and relevance of the shopping destination for consumers, maintaining excellent standards in reducing its environmental impact and striving to be a leader in community engagement.

Robert Hall, director at thecentre:mk, said: "We are proud of the high standards we have achieved in keeping thecentre:mk at the forefront of the retail industry and I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate my colleagues in the centre management team for all their hard work, which this award acknowledges.

"The world of retail property is evolving quickly and in order to maintain thecentre:mk's competitive edge, we will continue to examine ways of keeping the centre fresh and relevant, investing in enhancement and essential improvement initiatives, while working with the statutory bodies to ensure that required future enhancements are effectively and smoothly managed, given the new listed status."

Commenting at the awards, Michael Green, chief executive of BCSC said: "Our winners demonstrate the importance of sound investment in quality regeneration projects, which has produced some great results in 2010."

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HIGHRIDGE House is a mid-Victorian property in a leafy and exclusive private lane in Aspley Guise. It offers flexible three or four-bedroom accommodation, three good reception rooms, plus a stunning 23ft x 12ft UPVC conservatory and country views and open aspects to the rear.

The house boasts many original features and has been tastefully updated.

A large detached double garage and a mature, part-walled garden complete the specification.

Viewing is by appointment through selling agents Thomas & Co, who can be contacted on 01908 586400 or www.thomasandco.com.

Highridge House is also featured on Rightmove and is offered at £695,000.

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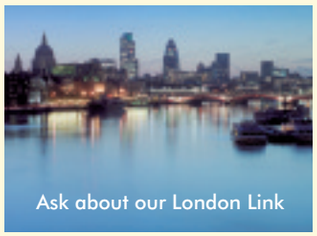

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Broughton Village £610,000

• This unique bungalow is situated in Broughton Village
• The property has been sympathetically extended
• Impressive lounge • Kitchen/breakfast room
• Three bedrooms with three en suites • Study/bedroom four • Beautiful gardens

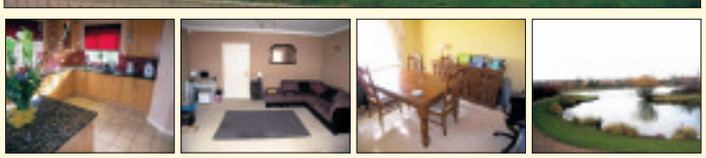
Leighton Buzzard £810,000

• Spacious and very well presented five bedroom detached
• Self contained one bedroom annexe •Five reception rooms
• Kitchen/diner •Ensuite bathroom and dressing room to master
• Bedroom two also features an ensuite wet room
• The grounds offer a large frontage and a rear garden in excess of 200ft with feature areas and generous lawns.

Downhead Park £600,000

• Substantial executive residence
• Sympathetically extended
• Four reception rooms
• Kitchen/breakfast room & utility
• Two en suites
• Good sized rear garden
• Double garage and off parking

Furzton £600,000



• An impressive five bedroom detached residence • Benefiting from an elevated position looking down onto Furzton Lake. • The standard of the property's decorative order is excellent throughout. • Offering extensive off road parking. • Detached double garage.
• Four receptions. • Five bedrooms. • Three en-suites and family bathroom. • This imposing property must be viewed early to avoid disappointment.

Monkston Park OIEO £490,000

• Five Bedrooms Detached
• 20ft Kitchen/Breakfast Room
• Utility Room
• Study & Cloakroom
• Two En suites
• Front & Rear Gardens
• Detached Double Garage

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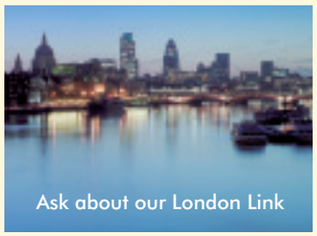

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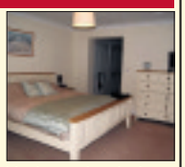
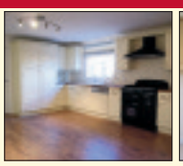
Walnut Tree — £465,000



- This recently built 4 bedroom detached
- situated in an attractive cul-de-sac.
- 3 Reception Rooms
- 2 en suites a family bathroom
- Generous dressing room to the master.
- Double garage style car port.
- Mature and private gardens to the rear.

Oxley Park — £425,000



- Immaculately Presented
- Beautifully Located
- Overlooking the North Bucks Way
- Four Bedrooms
- Two Ensuites
- Front and Rear Gardens
- Ample Off Road Parking
- Viewing Highly Recommended

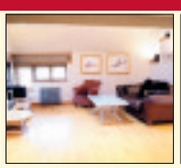
Broughton — £449,995

- Five Bedroom
- Spacious Detached Residence
- Downstairs Cloakroom
- Separate Receptions
- Three En Suites
- Ample Off Road Parking
- Rear Garden
- Viewing Recommended

Kingsmead — £450,000

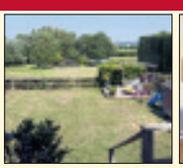
- Beautifully Presented
- Five Double Bedroom
- Executive Detached
- Conservatory
- Kitchen/Bfast/Family Room
- Three En Suites
- Double Garage
- No Upper Chain

Downhead Park — £495,000



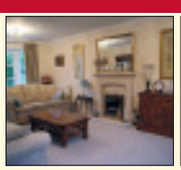
- 4 Bedroom Detached Property
- 34ft Kitchen/Breakfast/Dining Room
- En Suite to Master
- Landscaped Rear Garden
- Ample Off Road Parking
- Detached Double Garage
- Viewing Recommended

Nash — £377,750



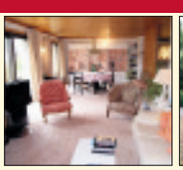
- •NO UPPER CHAIN•
- Refurbished stylish family home
- Separate reception rooms
- Kitchen/breakfast room
- Master bedroom with en suite and dressing room
- Mature gardens
- Tandem garage

Middleton — £385,000



- Four bedroom detached property
- Situated on a corner plot
- 3 Reception Rooms
- 16ft kitchen/breakfast room
- Four double bedrooms,
- En suite to the master
- Gated entrance to block paved driveway
- Detached double garage

Heelands — £412,500



- Individually Designed Scandinavian Themed
- Detached Bungalow
- Cul-de-Sac Location
- 33ft Lounge/Dining Room
- En Suite to Master Bedroom
- Wrap Round Gardens
- Off Road Parking
- Viewing Recommended

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Browns Wood OIEO £118,000

- Two Bedroom
- Semi Detached
- Lounge/Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Allocated Parking
- Viewing Recommended

Springfield OIEO £110,000

- Ground floor flat
- Two bedrooms
- Lounge/diner
- Kitchen
- Communal gardens
- Allocated parking

Grange Farm OIEO £50,000

- One Bedroom
- Ground Floor Apartment
- Gas to Radiator Heating
- Kitchen & Lounge
- Bathroom
- Allocated Parking

Eaglestone OIEO £130,000

- Three Bedrooms
- Gas to Radiator Heating
- Double Glazing
- Gardens
- Garage
- Viewing Recommended

Broughton OIEO £225,000

- Very Well Presented
- McCann Built Property
- Semi Detached
- En Suite to Master
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Off Road Parking
- Garage & No Upper Chain

Heelands £149,995

- Refurbished Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Double Glazing
- Gas to Radiator Heating
- Conservatory
- Larger than usual Corner Plot

Simpson OIEO £90,000

- Well presented
- One bedroom
- Over 55's apartment
- No Upper Chain
- Communal gardens
- Allocated parking

Aspley Guise £160,000

- Semi Detached
- Character Property
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Double Glazing
- Gas to Radiator Heating
- Original Features

Willen £159,995

- Two Bedrooms
- Terraced Property
- Kitchen/Diner
- Lounge
- Rear Garden
- Carport

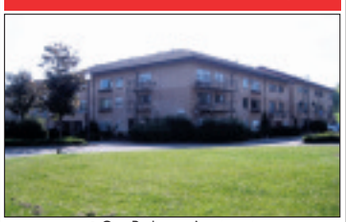
Bradwell £134,995

- Two Bedrooms
- Semi Detached
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Shower Room
- Front & Rear Gardens

Fishermead £130,000

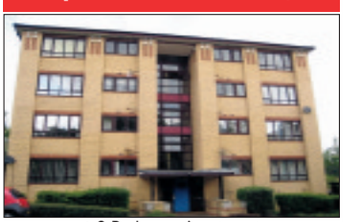
- Deceptively Spacious
- Three Storey
- Town House
- Three Bedrooms
- Integral Garage
- No Upper Chain

Conniburrow £74,950



- One Bedroom Apartment
- Kitchen
- Lounge
- Bathroom
- No Upper Chain
- Viewing Recommended

Campbell Park £114,950



- 2 Bedroom Apartment
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- No Upper Chain

Great Holm £299,950

- Four Bedroom
- Spilt Level Detached
- En Suite to Master
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Parking & Garage
- No Upper Chain

Medbourne OIEO £50,000

- One Bedroom
- Ground Floor
- Apartment
- 50% Shared Ownership
- Allocated Parking
- Communal Garden

Walnut Tree OIEO £35,000

- One Bedroom
- 50% Shared Ownership
- Ground Floor
- Studio Apartment
- Garden
- Allocated Parking

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• Extremely Well Presented
• Three/Four Bedroom • Semi Detached
• Refitted Kitchen • En Suite to Master
• Off Road Parking • Rear Garden

Emerson Valley £224,995

• Three Bedroom • Detached Property
• Downstairs Cloakroom • Seperate Receptions
• Master Bedroom with En-Suite
• Front & Rear Gardens
• Off Road Parking • Detached Single Garage

Eaglestone £146,995

• Much Improved
• Three Bedroom Home
• Gas Radiator Heating
• Double Glazing (where specified)
• Cloakroom
• Front & Rear Gardens

FishermeadOIEO £130,000

• Townhouse
• Three Bedrooms
• Cloakroom
• Kitchen/Diner
• Integral Garage
• Rear Garden

Furzton £106,995

• One Bedroom
• Double Glazing
• Shower Room
• One Reception Room
• Off Road Parking
• Viewing Recommended

Great Holm £139,995

• Two Bedroom
• End Of Terrace
• Double Glazing
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Hodge Lea £120,000

- Three bedrooms
- Mid Terraced Property
- One Reception Room
- Down Stairs Cloakroom
- Front and Rear Gardens
- Off Road Parking

New Bradwell £147,500

- Victorian Terrace Property
- Lounge/Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Rear Garden

Potterspury £185,000

- Semi Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Refitted Kitchen
- Front and Rear Gardens
- Driveway and Car Port
- Double Glazing

Deanshanger £175,000

- Very Well Presented
- Semi Detached Bungalow
- Two Bedrooms
- Refitted Kitchen
- Refitted Bathroom
- Front and Rear Gardens
- Driveway and Garage
- No Upper Chain

Wolverton Guide £174,995

- Three Bedrooms
- Victorian Property
- Separate Reception Rooms
- Cellarette
- Refitted Bathroom
- Rear Garden
- Off Road Parking

Wolverton Guide £139,995

- Four Bedrooms
- Mid Terrace
- Double Glazing
- Two Reception Rooms
- Refitted Shower Room
- Rear Garden

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Four bedroom property in Stony Stratford for waiting buyers please call 01908 563825 today

Deanshanger Guide £185,000

- Extended Semi Detached
- Three/Four Bedrooms
- Three Reception Rooms
- Downstairs Shower Room
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Off Road Parking

Bancroft Park OIEO £215,000

- Three/Four Bedrooms
- Separate Reception Rooms
- Three Bathrooms
- Garden
- Off Road Parking

Fullers Slade £161,995

- Very Well Presented
- Extended Semi Detached
- Three Bedrooms
- Refitted Kitchen
- Refitted Bathroom
- Front and Rear Gardens
- Driveway and Garage
- Viewing Recommended

Stony Stratford £190,000

- Well Presented
- Three Bedroom
- Victorian Style Terrace
- Two Reception Rooms
- Double Glazing
- Rear Garden

Greenleys Guide Price £139,995

- Three Bedrooms
- Refitted Kitchen/ Dining Room
- One Reception Room
- Rear Garden
- Viewing Recommended

Haversham Guide £225,000

- Semi-detached
- Three bedrooms
- Kitchen/dining room
- Utility
- Shower room
- Refitted kitchen
- Garden

Wanted
Bungalow in Stony Stratford for waiting buyer. Please call 01908 563825

Stony Stratford £165,000

- Three Bedroom Property
- Re-fitted Kitchen
- Re-fitted Bathroom
- Separate Reception Rooms
- Double Glazing
- Gas Radiator Heating
- Gardens

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Central Bletchley £109,995

- NO UPPER CHAIN!!!!
- Two bedrooms
- Over 55's Bungalow
- Sought after location
- Rear and Communal Gardens

Bletchley £219,995

- Semi Detached
- Four Bedrooms
- Downstairs Cloakroom
- Kitchen/Family Room
- Two Ensuite Bathrooms
- Front & Rear Garden
- Garden
- Garage

Bletchley OIRO £150,000

- Two Bedrooms
- Ground Floor Apartment
- En Suite to Master
- Kitchen & Lounge/Diner
- Allocated Parking
- Communal Gardens
- Viewing Recommended

Bletchley £184,950

- Semi Detached
- Three Bedrooms
- Annex
- No Upper Chain
- Separate Reception Rooms
- Rear Garden
- Garage

Bletchley OIEO £140,000

- Well Presented
- Semi Detached
- Three Bedrooms
- Conservatory
- Front and Rear Gardens
- Driveway and Garage
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating

Furzton £115,000

- One Bedroom Bungalow
- Gardens
- Driveway Providing Off Road Parking
- Viewing Recommended
- No Upper Chain

Bletchley £120,000

- Three Bedrooms
- Semi Detached
- Two Reception Rooms
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Off Road Parking
- No Upper Chain

Race Courses £169,995

- Detached bungalow
- Two bedrooms
- Kitchen
- Lounge
- Bathroom
- Gardens to front and rear
- No upper chain

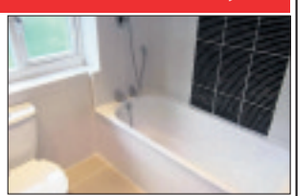
Rivers Guide £140,000

- Three Bedrooms
- No Upper Chain
- Refitted Kitchen
- Conservatory
- Refubished
- Front and Rear Gardens

Bletchley Guide Price £140,000

- Well Presented
- End of Terrace
- Three Bedroom
- Gas to Radiator Central Heating
- Gardens

House of the week Guide £300,000



- Detached
- Three Bedrooms
- Downstairs Cloakroom
- Kitchen/Dining Room
- Annex
- Rear Garden

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Oxley Park £235,000

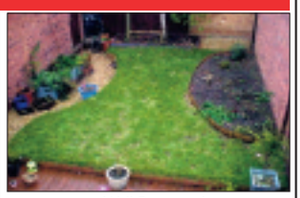
- Four bedroom property
- Kitchen/breakfast room
- Lounge/diner
- Downstairs cloakroom
- Master bedroom with dressing area and en suite
- Enclosed rear garden
- Garage and off road parking

FINDER SERVICE
3 BEDROOM SEMI IN EMERSON VALLEY URGENTLY REQUIRED FOR MISS P

Emerson Valley £224,995

- Detached
- Three Bedrooms
- Ensuite to Master
- Front and Rear Gardens
- Driveway and Garage

Westcroft £249,995



- Well Presented
- Four Double Bedrooms
- Ensuite to Master
- Front and Rear Gardens
- Driveway and Garage

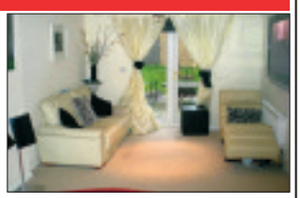
Westcroft Guide Price £220,000

- Semi Detached
- Five Bedrooms
- One Reception Room
- En Suite
- Garage
- Garden
- Off Road Parking

Westcroft Guide Price £220,000

- Well Presented
- Semi Detached
- Four/Five Bedrooms
- Ensuite to Master
- Front and Rear Gardens
- Single Garage

Kingsmead Guide Price £290,000



- Well Presented
- Four/Five Bedrooms
- Two Ensuites
- Front and Rear Gardens
- Carport and Garage

Shenley Brook End £239,995

- Detached House
- Three Bedrooms
- Three Reception Rooms
- En Suite
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Parking & Garage

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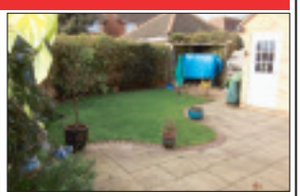
TWO BEDROOM IN SHENLEY URGENTLY REQUIRED FOR MR T

Tattenhoe £239,995



- Very Well Presented
- Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Ensuite to Master
- Rear Garden
- Driveway and Garage
- Internal Viewing Recommended

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TWO BEDROOM APARTMENT IN MEDBOURNE URGENTLY REQUIRED FOR MR S

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Great Linford — Guide Price £225,000

- Extended Detached Property
- Three/Four Bedrooms
- Ensuite to Master
- Front, Rear and Side Gardens
- Off Road Parking

Lavendon — £225,000

- Grade II listed cottage
- Three bedrooms
- Two reception rooms
- Re-fitted bathroom suite
- Rear garden with outbuilding
- Village location

Bozeat — £325,000

- Stone built character cottage
- Three bedrooms
- Separate reception rooms
- Re-fitted kitchen
- Enclosed rear garden
- Off road parking

Newport Pagnell — £184,950

- Bungalow
- Two/Three Bedrooms
- Front and Rear Gardens
- Off Road Parking and Garage
- No Upper Chain

Bozeat — £195,000

- Detached House
- Three Bedrooms
- Downstairs Cloakroom
- Lounge/Diner
- En suite
- Family Bathroom
- Garden
- Garage

Yardley Hastings — £140,000

- Well Presented
- Double Fronted
- Stone Built
- Character Cottage
- Refitted Kitchen
- Refitted Bathroom
- Garden
- No Onward Chain

Newport Pagnell — £320,000

- Four Bedroom Detached
- Cloakroom
- Lounge
- Refitted Kitchen
- Dining Room/Family Room
- Utility Room
- Refitted Shower Room
- Refitted Bathroom
- Front & Rear Garden

Olney — £99,995

- 1 Bedroom
- Entrance
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Outside

East Street Guide Price £150,000

- Character Property
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- Courtyard Style Garden
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- Stunning garden room
- Lounge on the first floor with bay window
- Ideal location, near to Kingston
- Oakgrave school catchment area
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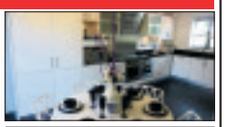
FLEXIBLE 4 BEDROOM HOME £230,000



- 4 Bedroom brand new home
- End of terrace
- Fantastic open plan kitchen/ dining/ family room
- Open car port with parking for 2 cars
- Ready now

UNIQUE BRAND NEW 2 BEDROOM HOME £185,000

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- Large kitchen/breakfast room
- Master bedroom has large dormer window
- Walking distance to Kingston Centre

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- Open plan kitchen/ living area
- Master bedroom has an ensuite
- Close to the train station
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- East Miltron Keynes, great access to M1
- Price shown is a shared Equity Price

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- Double garage with its driveway
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- Situated in popular East Milton Keynes

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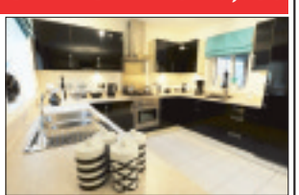
- Season train ticket to London paid
- Boasting its own entrance
- 2 bedroom, 2 bathroom ground floor apartment
- Gated parking, under croft parking space
- Ideal for the commuter
- Walking distance to the town centre
- please note the train pass is omitted if any other incentives are given.

NEW DEVELOPMENT WALTON GRANGE £219,950



- 3 Bedroom home
- High specification
- Master bedroom has an en suite
- Allocated parking
- Popular East Milton Keynes
- SHOW HOME NOW OPEN
- Internal picture from showhome

PRIVATE, EXCLUSIVE DEVELOPMENT £280,000

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- 3 bedrooms are all doubles
- Large living room onto garden
- Generous garden
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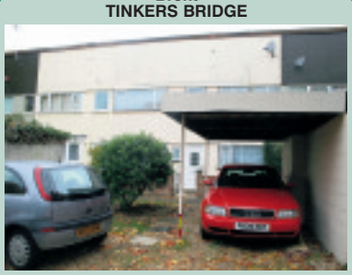

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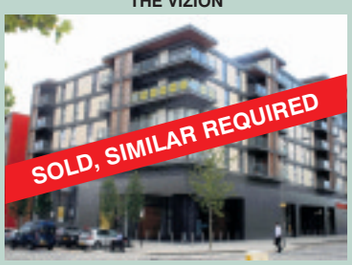

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Closing Date: Midday on Thursday 3rd February 2011
Interviews: Wednesday 16th February 2011

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For further details please contact the school for an application pack.

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Central Bedfordshire

School Appointments

Ivel Valley School
Hitchmead Road, Biggleswade, Beds SG19 0NL

● TEACHER
MPS+1 SEN point
Ref: 2077
Part time (Wednesday, Thursday & Friday)

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For further details and an application pack please contact Kim Jeakings, Ivel Valley School, Hitchmead Road, Biggleswade, Beds SG19 0NL. Tel: 01767 601010. Email admin@ivelvalley.beds.sch.uk

Closing date: 26 January 2011.

Interview date: week commencing Monday 31 January 2011.

Kingsmoor Lower School
Kingsmoor Close, Flitwick, Bedfordshire MK45 1EY

● FOUNDATION STAGE CO-ORDINATOR
MPS + TLR 2
Ref: 2048

The Governors of Kingsmoor School are seeking to appoint from April 2011, a motivated, enthusiastic and ambitious professional who will work in partnership with pupils, staff, governors and parents/carers to co-ordinate the educational provision for all children.

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- Work with an informed Governing Body and Professional Staff.
- Be an ambitious, versatile and enthusiastic professional.
- Be committed to raising standards.
- Be able to influence future curriculum development within a whole school improvement strategy.
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For further details and an application pack please contact Mr. John Meaney, Kingsmoor Lower School, Kingsmoor Close, Flitwick, Bedfordshire MK45 1EY. Tel: 01525 712448. Email: kingsmoor@deal.bedfordshire.gov.uk

Closing date: 1 February 2011.

Interview date: 9 February 2011.

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Closing date for applications is mid-day on Monday 24th January 2011

Further details of the post and an application form can be downloaded from the 'Job Opportunities' link on our website: www.bedmod.co.uk

Or requested from the Recruitment Line on 01234 332571 / email personnel@bedmod.co.uk

Completed applications are to be returned to:
The HR Officer
Bedford Modern School
Manton Lane
Bedford MK41 7NT

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Further details are available from
The Head Master, Bedford School,
De Parys Avenue, Bedford MK40 2TU
Tel. 01234 362211

Email enquiries to
rblake@bedfordschool.org.uk

www.bedfordschool.org.uk

Bedford Charity is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

The successful applicant will be subject to an Enhanced CRB check, references and other checks.

Closing Date
28th January 2011
(12 noon)

Interview Date
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Mr John Tomlin
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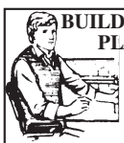

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The following licensable activities are proposed during the following times:

Films – Monday to Saturday 09.00 – 00.00
Live and Recorded Music – Monday to Sunday 09.00 – 00.00
Performances of Dance – Monday to Sunday 09.00 – 00.00
Late Night Refreshment – Monday to Saturday 23.00 – 00.30, Sunday 23.00 – 00.00
Supply of Alcohol – Monday to Saturday 11.00 – 00.00, Sunday 12.00 – 23.30

Full details of the application can be viewed via The Licensing Register at the Civic Offices of the Council. This is accessible Mondays to Thursday between the hours 9am to 5pm, and Fridays 9am to 4pm (excluding bank holidays) or online at www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/licensing.

Any interested party (such as a resident or local business) or responsible authority wishing to make representations either against or in support of the application must do so in writing by 10th February 2011 to the following address: Licensing Team, Environment Directorate, Milton Keynes Council, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes MK9 3EJ, 01908 252800, e-mail: licensing@milton-keynes.gov.uk.

Representations received in response to this review will ordinarily be made available for public inspection, including disclosure to the applicant and any relevant responsible authorities unless agreed otherwise. Representations must relate to one or more of the licensing objectives (namely crime and disorder, public nuisance, public safety, or protection of children from harm.) Individuals making a representation must live in the vicinity of the premise.

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Dated this 12th day of January 2011

HIGHWAYS AGENCY

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ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 14(1)(A) AND (7)
THE M1 MOTORWAY (NORTH OFJUNCTION 14, MILTON KEYNES)
(TEMPORARY 50 MILES PER HOUR SPEED RESTRICTION) ORDER 2011

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Secretary of State for Transport has made an Order on the M1 Motorway in Milton Keynes, to provide a safe working environment for the workforce whilst temporary support structures are installed to facilitate the replacement of bridge parapets and edge beams on Portfields Farm access bridge.

The works are expected to take place over 2 – 3 weeks in two stages (8pm–5am Mondays, 11pm-5am Tuesdays to Thursdays, 11pm-7am Fridays, 10pm–8am Saturdays and midnight - 5am Sundays) with the first stage between Friday 4 February 2011 and Tuesday 22 February 2011 and the second stage between Wednesday 4 May 2011 and Saturday 23 May 2011.

The effect of the Order will be to impose a 50 miles per hour speed limit, in conjunction with hard shoulder, lane 1 and lane 2 closures followed by lanes 1, 2 and 3 (allowing traffic to run on the hard shoulder) on the M1 –

1. northbound carriageway between points 3300 metres south and 400 metres north, and
2. southbound carriageway between points 2800 metres north and 400 metres south,

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The temporary mandatory speed limit (which will not apply to emergency service vehicles) and lane closures (which will not apply to works, emergency service, traffic officer or winter service maintenance vehicles) will be clearly indicated by traffic signs throughout the works.

The Order will come into force on 4 February 2011 and have a maximum duration of eighteen months.

Mrs A V Middleton, An official of the Highways Agency

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LICENSING ACT 2003
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Public Notices

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CONSULTATION ON SCHOOL ADMISSIONS ARRANGEMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 2012

Bedford Borough Council and Central Bedfordshire Council are consulting on the school admission arrangements for September 2012.

If you are a parent or a local community or a voluntary group with an interest in school admissions you are invited to comment on the proposed admission arrangements for September 2012.

For details of Bedford Borough arrangements please visit: www.bedford.gov.uk/2012consultation

For details of Central Bedfordshire arrangements please visit: www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/2012consultation

The closing date for responses is 1 March 2011 and we would welcome your views.

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Lot 3 - Centre Buildings 1 and 2 combined – Estimated Value - £90m.

Lot 4 - Onsite Infrastructure (Earthworks, Lake construction, Civils and Drainage, Services Infrastructure and Landscaping) – Estimated Value - £25m.

Lot 5 - Ancillary Buildings (Arrivals Lodge, Cycle Centre, Housekeeping and Technical Services, Grounds Services, Nature Centre, Activity Centre – Traditional Construction) – Estimated Value - £6.0m.

Lot 6 - Public Rights of Way Formation Works. Estimated Value - £300k.

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Closing date for Expressions of Interest:
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Date for issue of Pre-Qualification Questionnaire (PQQ):
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TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING (GENERAL DEVELOPMENT PROCEDURE) ORDER 1995

PUBLIC NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 8 and/or PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) ACT 1990

PUBLIC NOTICE UNDER SECTION 67 OR 73

The following applications for Planning Permission, Listed Building Consent and/or Conservation Area Consent have been received and may be inspected at Central Bedfordshire Council, Priory House, Monks Walk, Chicksands, Shefford, SG17 5TQ during normal office hours.

Anyone who wishes to make representations about these applications should write to me at the above address quoting the application number/s, within 21 days of the date of publication of the notice. Comments should be restricted to valid planning considerations such as effect on amenity, privacy, noise, traffic, access etc. All letters received are open to public inspection and so cannot be treated in confidence.

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Assistant Director - Development Management

16 January 2011

APPLICATION NO:	CB/10/04565/FULL Affects Listed Building/Conserv. Area
PROPOSAL:	Replacement of felt flat roof to pitched tile roof.
LOCATION:	Manor Cottage, High Street, Eggington, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 9PQ
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APPLICATION NO:	CB/10/04227/FULL Affects Listed Building/Conserv. Area
PROPOSAL:	Erection of temporary outbuilding incorporating hoist around spa pool for use by disabled child
LOCATION:	27 Edward Street, Dunstable, LU6 1HE
APPLICATION NO:	CB/11/00008/FULL Affects Conservation Area
PROPOSAL:	Erection of two storey side extension, external staircase entrance to basement and single storey side extension
LOCATION:	102 Wing Road, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 2NN
APPLICATION NO:	CB/11/00018/LB Affects Listed Building or its Setting
PROPOSAL:	Erection of single storey rear extension
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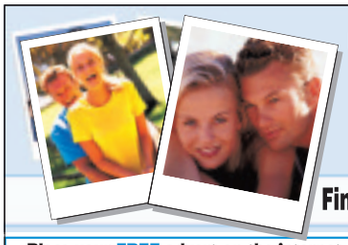

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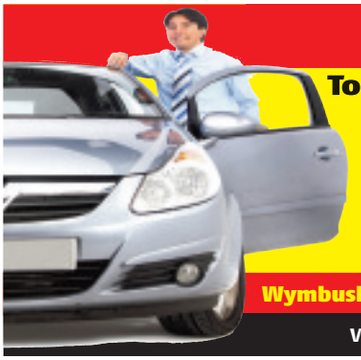

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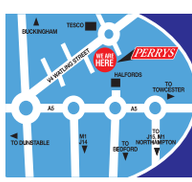

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Vauxhall Corsa

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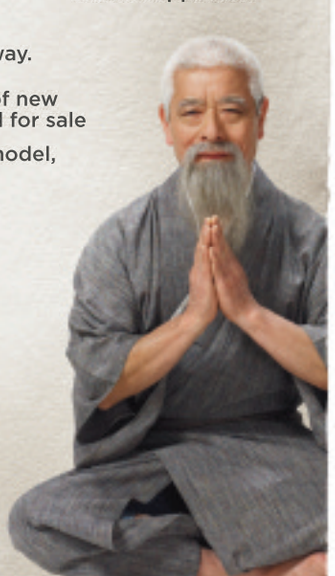

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DONS' SCORE FIRST

August

7	Walsall	A	2-1
10	Dag & Red H (Carling Cup)	H	2-1
21	Carlisle	A	1-4
24	Blackpool (Carling Cup)	H	4-3
28	Swindon	H	2-1

September

4	Hartlepool	H	1-0
11	Brighton	A	0-2
15	Southampton	H	2-0
18	Rochdale	H	1-1
21	Birmingham (Carling Cup)	A	1-3
25	Peterborough	A	1-2
28	Charlton	A	0-1

October

2	Colchester	H	1-1
5	Charlton (JPT)	H	1-2
9	Dag & Red	H	2-0
16	Bournemouth	A	2-3
23	Exeter	H	1-0
30	Tranmere	A	2-4

November

2	Yeovil	H	3-2
6	Stevenage (FAC)	A	0-0
13	Brentford	A	2-0
16	Stevenage (FAC)	H	1-1
	(Stevenage win 7-6 on penalties)		
20	Sheff Wed	H	1-4
23	Huddersfield	A	1-4

December

11	Notts County	A	0-2
28	Bournemouth	H	2-0

January

1	Bristol Rovers	H	2-0
3	Yeovil	A	0-1
8	Exeter	A	1-1
15	Tranmere	H	2-0
18	Plymouth	H	1-3
22	Dag & Red	A	
25	Leyton Orient	A	

February

2	Bristol Rovers	A
5	Sheff Wed	A
12	Brentford	H
15	Leyton Orient	H
19	Hartlepool	A
22	Oldham	H
26	Brighton	H

March

5	Rochdale	A
8	Charlton	H
12	Colchester	A
21	Peterborough	H
25	Walsall	H

April

2	Southampton	A
9	Carlisle	H
16	Swindon	A
22	Huddersfield	H
25	Plymouth	A
30	Notts County	H

May

7	Oldham	A

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MK Dons assistant manager JOHN GORMAN writes exclusively for MK NEWS every week

IT was great to hear the crowd appreciating the style of football we played against Tranmere on Saturday.

Everyone at the club wants to play attractive football, to entertain and win matches.

The pleasing thing for me was seeing Daniel Powell and Jabo Ibehre on the score sheet.

The two boys have spent extra time improving their game in training because earlier in the season they were fringe players, and now they have been given their chance they've taken it.

We believe in giving people a chance at this club, and that includes the youngsters. We're proud of the youth set-up here and the chairman will be pleased to see the youth players coming through the system.

I am delighted Rowan Vine has come on board he is a player I know very well, and when Karl mentioned his name we were keen to get him on loan.

It's a big boost to the team because we were short on numbers and had seen a few players leave. Plus, he's a quality player with great experience in the game, and I think he'll be a valuable asset to the team. Bringing in new players is always difficult because when a team is doing well you don't want to upset the apple cart.

Saturday's result put us into the League One play-offs which has given everybody a psychological boost.

We know the expectation levels have risen again and we can't get carried away with our position.

Now we need to push on and get results at Dagenham & Redbridge and Leyton Orient.

Away from League One, there is a lot of attention on the Premier League at the moment, and rightly so it's turning out to be a very exciting season.

Having been a player and assistant manager at Tottenham I can't help but keep an eye out for their results.

I expect the race to be between Manchester United, Manchester City and Arsenal.

Harry's done a brilliant job at Spurs - I think they'd be happy to get fourth place again.

LEAGUE ONE TABLE

		P	HOME W	D	L	F	A	AWAY W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Brighton	23	8	4	0	26	9	5	3	3	16	9	24	46
2	Huddersfield	25	8	2	3	22	12	5	1	6	20	20	10	42
3	Southampton	24	7	4	3	23	9	5	1	4	20	11	23	41
4	Bournemouth	25	9	1	2	31	10	2	6	5	14	17	18	40
5	Peterborough	23	8	1	3	32	25	3	2	6	14	21	0	36
6	MK Dons	25	9	2	2	21	12	2	1	9	12	25	-4	36
7	Charlton	23	5	3	3	13	15	4	5	3	26	20	4	35
8	Oldham	23	5	5	2	18	16	4	3	4	16	17	1	35
9	Sheff Wed	23	6	3	3	18	9	4	1	6	18	15	12	34
10	Colchester	22	5	6	2	21	20	3	4	2	11	11	1	34
11	Rochdale	24	4	6	2	19	15	4	3	5	15	15	4	33
12	Hartlepool	23	4	2	4	17	21	5	4	4	9	9	-4	33
13	Plymouth	26	5	4	5	17	19	4	2	6	17	22	-7	33
14	Brentford	24	4	3	4	12	15	5	2	6	16	15	-2	32
15	Carlisle	22	6	4	3	22	13	2	3	4	11	11	9	31
16	Exeter	24	5	4	2	22	16	3	3	7	13	26	-7	31
17	Notts County	22	7	0	4	17	11	2	3	6	13	18	1	30
18	Leyton Orient	22	5	2	2	15	10	2	5	6	17	24	-2	28
19	Swindon	24	5	3	5	16	18	2	4	5	20	23	-5	28
20	Tranmere	23	4	3	5	15	19	3	2	6	12	18	-10	26
21	Yeovil	23	4	2	4	14	16	3	3	7	10	20	-12	26
22	Bristol Rovers	24	3	4	4	11	17	2	5	6	16	28	-18	24
23	Dag & Red	23	2	4	4	10	14	3	2	8	14	24	-14	21
24	Walsall	24	3	0	8	12	23	2	4	7	14	25	-22	19

Gary McKenzie heads back to Dean Lewington from a corner

Argyle blast Dons

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Martin to give Argyle the lead with 22 minutes on the clock.

From there the visitors applied more pressure with Martin forced to save a low drive from Joe Mason, and Peter Leven made the scrappiest of clearances at the far post when the resulting Bhasera corner resulted in a goalmouth scramble after a failed punch away by the Dons' goalie.

As Dons tried to feel their way back into proceedings they were again caught cold by Argyle.

Luke Chadwick afforded Arnason too much space in midfield and, after a quick glance to spot Martin off his line, he unleashed a superb 35-yard curler with the outside of his left boot to double the Pilgrims' advantage and silence the Cowshed.

Dons could easily have allowed confidence to drain from the team, but a slice of luck fell to them and they were able to claw back the deficit.

There were groans as Lewis Guy's faint touch on a driven cross looked to have ended an opportunity early, however, the advancing Danny Woodards picked up play on the right and his drive from inside the area took a wicked deflection from Bhasera to get the better of goalkeeper David Button.

On the stroke of half-time Bhesera, later replaced by Jim Paterson, made amends with a block at the far post to prevent Ibehre's header from levelling the scores at the stroke of half-time.

Dons had half-chances to level the scores with MacKenzie inches away from twice nodding on to crosses in Argyle's six-yard box, while a deflected Woodards' cross fell perfectly for Stephen Gleeson to hit first time unfortunately, his volley rose over the bar.

Injuries to Mathias Kouo-Doumbe, and MacKenzie and Bolasie interrupted the flow, but the visitors were still able to cut through the Dons with another lightning counter-attack.

MacKenzie, carrying a knock, tried to track the run of Bolasie but the tricky winger sent a cheeky backheel to the byline, which Paterson somehow managed to keep in play to cut the ball back for Clark to apply a thumping finish which wrapped up the points.

TEAMS

MK DONS: Martin; Woodards, MacKenzie (O,Hanlon 83), Kouo-Doumbe (Chicksen 78), Lewington (c); Gleeson, Leven; Powell, Guy; Chadwick (Vine 61); Ibehre.
Booked: Woodards, Gleeson
PLYMOUTH ARGYLE: Button; Zubar, Nelson, Seip, Bhasera (Paterson 45); Arnason, Fletcher (c), Clark; Bolasie, Mason (Patterson); Fallon.
Referee: Geoff Eltringham (Tyne and Wear)
Attendance: 7,189

COMING UP

DAGENHAM & REDBRIDGE
League One
Saturday, January 22
Victoria Road KO 3pm

THE home team have the fixture billed as 'Daggers Against Racism' which will see no segregation of fans at the stadium, so season ticket holders and away fans can mingle.

And fans are being advised to take up their special prices for advance purchase which will see adults able to buy tickets for the terrace for just 99p (£18 on the day) while students, seniors, disabled and under-18s cost 25p (£11 on the day).

Daggers picked up three vital points when Gavin Tomlin snatched a late winner at Hartlepool last week, but they remain in the relegation zone, five points from safety. Dons have an unblemished record against the Daggers having beaten them in all five of their meetings in all competitions.

LEYTON ORIENT
League One
Tuesday, January 25
Matchroom Stadium KO 7.45pm

THIS fixture was due to take place on Boxing Day but freezing weather conditions resulted in the trip to Orient being switched to a midweek match.

It is the second of four consecutive away games for the Dons.

Karl Robinson's men have suffered severe travel sickness on the road this season with nine defeats and just two wins.

However, their last outing at Exeter City saw them collect their first draw away from home and the team will be looking to build on that at the Matchroom.

The O's find themselves lying dangerously near the drop zone and have the distraction of an FA Cup fourth round game at Swansea on the horizon.

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Luke Chadwick battles for the ball with Stephane Zubar

Grow your own policy pays off

MK DONS 2
Powell 46, Ibehre 70

TRANMERE ROVERS 0

BY SIMONE CORGAN
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PRAISE was showered on MK Dons' defence, goal scorers and academy director Mike Dove as boss Karl Robinson assessed his side's 2-0 win over Tranmere Rovers.

The Dons' clean sheet, their third successive shut-out at stadiummk, added with second half goals from Daniel Powell and Jabo Ibehre sent them into the League One play-offs.

A slow start was followed by a frustrating first-half for Robinson's men as Powell had a tight angle shot cleared on the line by Mark McChrystal, and another effort blocked minutes before the break.

But Robinson's men stuck to Plan A and they were rewarded 14 seconds after the interval when Ibehre brilliantly reached the byline and spotted the on-running Powell, who duly tucked the ball beyond Tony Warner.

The Dons boss said: "I thought we should have scored more. Les Parry, in his defence, came up to me at the end and said 'what a good football team, you were excellent' and that is a credit to the lads."

Aaron Cresswell and John Welsh fired shots at David Martin, but the Dons goalkeeper enjoyed a quiet afternoon.

While Dale Jennings, who scored twice in Tranmere's 4-2 win earlier in the season, was well marked out of the game by a solid Dons defence.

The points were wrapped up by Ibehre, who scored his first league goal of the campaign a week earlier, when he out muscled the Rovers defence to turn home a long cross.

As the substitutions rolled on Dons were able to count three academy products, four if skipper Dean Lewington's rise from Wimbledon's youth set-up is included, on the pitch.

And Robinson, a former coach with Liverpool Academy, was delighted to note years of hard work at the club are profiting his first team.

He said: "I think Mike Dove's done a wonderful job – he's worked extremely hard. We finished the game with Dean Lewington, Dan Powell, Adam Chicksen and George Baldock, we were missing Sam Baldock, so we could have had five of our home grown players on the pitch that's an unbelievable achievement."

Lions Rocked

MK side eight points short of play-offs with just two wins

MK LIONS 88
GLASGOW ROCKS 97

NINE defeats have left MK Lions eight points adrift of the British Basketball Championship play-offs.

The Lions, who have the advantage of six games in hand over their nearest rivals, have managed just two wins in the league.

And their fate on Friday night was all but sealed in the opening ten minutes against Glasgow.

Lions were caught cold from the offset and found themselves 22-1 down midway through the first quarter, and although they did manage to get more points on the board Mike New's side still trailed 16-36 at the break.

The Lions gave Demarius Bolds his debut in a feisty second period which saw Sterling Davis and Travis Nelson involved in a confrontation.

Baskets came from Nelson and Bolds, yet the deficit remained at 20 points as the Rocks led 35-55 at the halfway stage.

The men from Scotland continued to demonstrate their dominance with former Lion E J Harrison netting a basket in the third quarter to give them their biggest lead of the game at 44-71.

Despite this, the Lions continued to press hard to trim the deficit and closed the gap slightly at 60-83 heading into the final stanza.

In the last ten minutes Lions began to claw their way back into the game still further thanks to an 11-0 burst to get within 13 points at 79-92 with three minutes remaining.

The Rocks managed to keep their composure in the final stages and despite New's side registering eight unanswered points, the visitors were able to see out the victory.

Confrontation: Travis Nelson

■ LIONS host Newcastle Eagles at Winterhill on Friday, tip-off 7.30pm, and on Sunday they are at home to Worcester Wolves, tip-off 5pm.

Magic Lightning rack up hat-trick

THREE was the magic number as MK Lightning record a hat-trick of victories in a week.

Nick Poole's MK Lightning survived a hectic fixture list, caused by postponed games during December's cold snap, by beating Bracknell Bees and handing a double defeat to Telford Tigers.

Leigh Jamieson, scorer of the winning goal in their 6-5 overtime win against Bracknell 48 hours earlier, fired Lightning in to the lead against Telford after only six minutes at Planet Ice.

And Blaz Emersic, who assisted the opener, netted the second six minutes later as Lightning's plan to tame the Tigers was in full swing.

Telford were bystanders with Lightning playing the game around them and their dominance soon told as further goals from former-Tiger Gary Clarke and Emersic gave the home side a comfortable 4-0 lead at the end of the first period.

Tigers showed more bite in the second period although neither side were able to add to the score line.

Player-coach Poole made his second assist of the game, expertly setting up skipper Adam Carr for Lightning's fifth goal on 49.06.

Lightning did not ease off as Lewis Christie scored the sixth goal six minutes from time, and they continued to pile on the misery when Clarke fired a shot pasted Telford netminder Declan Ryan.

A late consolation came for the Tigers but Lightning's 7-1 win highlighted their dominance.

The following day Tigers were faced with the daunting task of hosting Lightning, and although Poole's men were not as deadly in front of goal their persistence paid off.

Lightning fell a goal down early in the game but in the third period Clarke connected with a pass from Poole to level the score.

Goals from Adam Brittle and Emersic stole a late victory for Lightning who are fifth in the table with five games in hand.

■ ON Saturday Manchester Phoenix travel to Planet Ice, face-off 7pm, and on Sunday Lightning travel to Sheffield Steeldogs, face-off 5.30pm.

Olney ease into third

RUGBY

SOUTH WEST 1 EAST
Olney 33
Oakmedians 14

A BONUS point win over Oakmedians moved Olney up to third in the table.

Olney's blistering start allowed them to take control as tries from Mark Marwood and John Robinson added with a conversion by James Hawkens provided a 12-0 cushion.

Oakmedians applied pressure of their own but were left frustrated when they conceded a penalty on the Olney try line which allowed the hosts to clear.

And the visitors were quickly counting the cost of their error as Robinson went over the line for his second try of the afternoon, and Hawken added the extras to extend their lead to 19-0.

Hawken then converted his own try as Olney went 26-0 up at half-time.

Oakmedians registered their first score of the game after the break in the form of a converted try, but Olney remained in control as Robinson ran in his hat-trick try and when the conversion was added by Hawken the hosts were 33-7 ahead.

The final try went to Oakmedians which added some respectability to the score line.

Basement move

Wimborne 6
Bletchley 8

BLETCHLEY went five points clear of the foot of the table with a scrappy win at bottom club Wimborne.

Against any other side Bletchley would have been punished for their sluggish start, but Wimborne's fragile side were only able to post two penalties in the first half to take 6-0 lead at the break.

A reshuffle across the pitch, with several players changing their positions, worked wonders for a below-par Bletchley.

Daniel Webster's introduction as a flanker was key as he broke off from a scrum to collect a loose ball before driving across the line.

Phil Harman missed the conversion but made amends with a superb penalty from his own half to earn Bletchley the victory.

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Daniel Powell steps inside Marcel Seip against Plymouth Argyle last night

Plymouth stun Dons

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MK Dons missed the opportunity to strengthen their hold on a League One play-off place as they suffered a 3-1 home defeat to troubled Plymouth Argyle.

Plymouth, in financial disarray and locked under a transfer embargo, ended a run of three successive defeats as goals from Onismor Bhasera, Kari Arnason and Chris Clark secured a vital three points for Devon club.

MK DONS 1

Bhasera (OG) 39

PLYMOUTH ARGYLE 3

Bhasera 22, Arnason 29, Clark 80

The Dons could have moved in to fifth place with victory, and when they reduced the score to 2-1 six minutes before the break, thanks to a Bhasera own goal, Karl Robinson's men had every chance of recovering.

But goalmouth scrambles, half-chances and clearances on the line all went against Dons, Peter Reid watched on from the stands, due to a touchline ban, as his Pilgrims marched on to victory when Clark sealed three points to lift them from 17th to 13th in the table.

The first shot of the game came from Yannick Bolasie although he must have wished that honour had not fallen to him as a wild attempt fell closer to the corner flag than to David Martin.

But the majority of the passing football happened in the middle of the pitch, both Plymouth and Dons enjoyed a fair share of the ball from box to box and little in the final third. However, Bhasera needed one moment to sparkle to show Plymouth, in spite of their stifling tactics, can pack a punch.

The full back created something out of nothing as a burst of pace set him free from midfield and released him just inside the Dons' box. Bhasera shrugged off Gary MacKenzie before firing past

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Easter and Johnson moved on

TWO wantaway players had their wishes granted as they exited stadiummk.

Jermaine Easter and Jemal Johnson both reached deals to cut short their stay with the Dons by five months.

Easter, having already voiced a desire to make his loan spell to Swansea City permanent, signed a two-and-a-half year deal with Crystal Palace.

The Welsh international had turned down a move to the Championship side in the summer, but ideas of playing in a higher tier of football proved too tempting for the striker.

Easter signed for the Dons in 2009 and marked his debut season with 20 goals, however his final months at the club proved disappointing as he failed to net a league goal.

Dons boss Karl Robinson said: "Jermaine Easter made it quite clear to us that he didn't want to be at this football club he wanted to move elsewhere.

"He felt he had the ability to play in the Championship and made that his sole objective to get there when that happens you don't want to hold people back.

"You want to create a seige mentality and you want players who want to be here and would die for the football club. "I'm not saying Jermaine Easter didn't, he just felt he could play a little bit higher and that was his objective in his career."

Meanwhile, Johnson's topsy-turvy second-spell with the Dons was ended by mutual consent.

The American-born winger had been sent on trial in America during the summer only to be welcomed back into the squad by Robinson.

Robinson said the decision to release Johnson was best for both parties.

"He'd been he for four years and found it difficult to motivate and to get in the right frame of mind. To be fair to him, he set a goal up and scored a goal but he lost way a little bit in performance levels.

"We all looked at it and felt it was best for the football club and for him."